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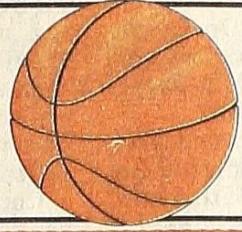
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Area code to change

The area code in Western Wayne County will change to 734 on Dec. 13. Both 734 and 313 can be used until July 25, 1998.

After that time, a recording will tell you to use the 734 area code.

'Commish' undecided

11th District Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson said he is undecided whether or not to seek the state representative post next year.

State Rep. Deborah Whymen will not run for re-election due to the term limitation rule.

Patterson said he will make an announcement this month.

Chamber celebrates

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Christmas party from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 11 at Woodlands of Van Buren.

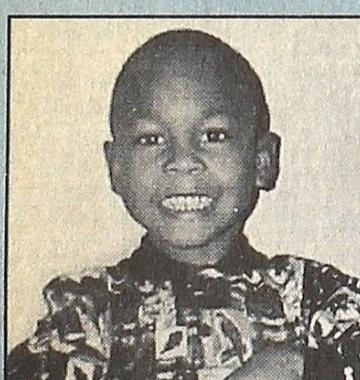
Guests are requested to bring an unwrapped new toy for inclusion in Goodfellows' holiday baskets.

Former mayor dies

Former Detroit Mayor Coleman Young died Saturday at 79 after a long illness.

His body will lie in state at the Museum of African American History until tonight. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Greater Grace Temple. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

An Inkster resident has proposed that Harrison Street be renamed to honor the former Detroit mayor.



Christmas countdown

Anthony Horn, 4, of Canton, reminds readers that Christmas is just three weeks away. It's time to get busy with the shopping, baking and gift wrapping!

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More than 400 stolen pieces of artwork including the three shown above were recovered last week by Romulus undercover officers. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

\$73,000 worth of art recovered by police

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

More than \$73,000 in stolen artwork was recovered by Romulus detectives on Thanksgiving Eve as they raided two sites in Detroit and Redford. The police also found large amounts of stolen ESPN sports photographic and computer equipment.

Executive Lt. David Early reported that Romulus undercover officers executed two search warrants about 8:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve and arrested three suspects while recovering items stolen from three rental trucks that had been parked near Romulus area hotels between July and October 1997.

Police also confiscated a 40 calibre semi-automatic pistol and an Uzi submachine gun.

Early praised the intense initial field work done by Detective Gerry Champagne, which led to an on-going investigation by the Romulus Detectives/Special Investigative Unit agents that climaxed with the recoveries and arrests.

The detectives arrested two Detroit brothers and a woman

from Redford, who were charged with possession and concealing the stolen property. The defendants were arraigned before Westland's 25th District Court Judge David Bajorek and preliminary examinations were set for Dec. 9 in the Romulus-based 34th District Court.

The trio included:

Kimberly A. Upshaw, 23, of Redford, whose bail was set at \$5,000 (10 percent).

Gregory L. Lipsey, 31, and Eric Lipsey, 27, two parolee brothers of Detroit, who also were charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and one count of habitual offender/third offense. Bail for each was set at \$50,000 cash.

The two men face five year prison terms for the stolen property charges, another five years for carrying the firearms and additional prison time for the habitual offender charges. They also face \$30,000 or more in fines.

Early reported that the first rental truck belonging to a 60-year-old woman was stolen in July. The victim was in the process of moving from California to Massachusetts and the truck

reportedly contained "all her worldly belongings."

It is not known what if anything was recovered of these items, since because of the holidays Romulus police had difficulty contacting the victim.

A second stolen rental truck contained ESPN photographic equipment used to cover a University of Michigan football game in September. It is believed that about half of that equipment has been recovered, Early said.

A third rental truck was stolen in October and contained over \$73,000 worth of artwork and photographs owned by Luciano Studios in Peckes.

The last items were traced through mail order requests traced to Detroit and Redford addresses and contained items purchased from Eddie Bauer and Nordstrom's, Early revealed.

Early said about 400 art pieces many selling for as much as \$300 each were recovered.

Police months ago recovered the stolen, but empty, rental trucks, Early said.

The investigation is continuing.

Oakley seeking 34th District judgeship again

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

It's official Romulus attorney Brian A. Oakley announced last week that he will battle hard in coming months to succeed veteran 34th District Court Judge Henry Zaborowski next year.

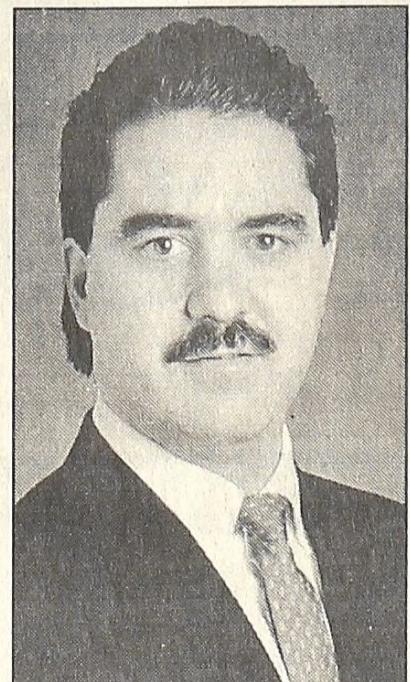
He expects to kickoff his campaign in earnest after the Christmas holidays. "I plan to visit all five communities represented in 34th District Court area. That is the fun part of running for office -- meeting the people," Oakley declared.

The five municipalities include the cities of Romulus and Belleville and the townships of Van Buren, Sumpter and Huron.

This will mark the second attempt by Oakley to gain a judgeship. Last year he sought, but failed to unseat incumbent Judge William Szlinis by a scant 215 votes.

That was the election in which more than 1,000 voters cast ballots for neither Oakley nor Szlinis thinking that their party preference also covered the judgeship race.

It also featured confusion in the county election office -- which lead some media sources to initially report in



Brian A. Oakley

friends and supporters to finish what we started."

Oakley, 36, is the managing partner of the Oakley and Oakley law firm of Romulus. He has been an attorney for 10 years. His other activities include being first vice president of the planned Romulus Boys' Club/Girls Club organization and a member of the board of directors of Oakwood-Annapolis Hospital. He also offers free legal counseling to residents at the Romulus Senior Citizen Center each month.

He also is the son of Romulus Mayor William Oakley and his wife, Mary.

Yard waste still to be collected

Late falling leaves this autumn have forced the city to extend its curbside collection of yard waste through Dec. 12.

David Cox, assistant to Mayor William Oakley, announced Monday that yard waste (leaves, branches and grass clippings) should be placed in specially marked barrels and bags and then left about 10 feet from regular refuse cans at the curb.

Neighbor praised Romulus VFW hit by holiday blaze

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

An alert Romulus neighbor quickly notified local fire officials early Thanksgiving Day that a fire had erupted in the bar area of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on Huron River Drive.

Fire Chief David Allison and Post Commander Thomas Greca publicly thanked the neighbor, Ed Singleton, for his emergency 2:30 a.m. phone message that kept the blaze from spreading to the remainder of the 30-year-old building.

Singleton has been watching out for any problems at the VFW since it was constructed back in 1967 and his early warning kept the fire from totally wiping out the entire building," Greca said last Friday.

Allison revealed this past Monday that while the holiday fire possibly could have run out of oxygen and ultimately snuffed itself out, the reverse is also true that it could have climbed over the rooftop and spread to the main portion of the VFW Hall.

Thus Allison said Singleton is to be commended for his early warning that allowed firefighters to quickly contain and end the fire.

While first it was feared that the fire might force cancellation of a number of December events planned at the VFW, on Tuesday VFW officers felt some or maybe even all of the planned holiday timed gatherings could still go on as scheduled.

"We'll know later today (Tuesday) after the insurance inspectors check out the fac-

ilities," Post Advocate Robert Mach said. Future stories in the *Romulus Roman* will keep residents up to date on the reconstruction plans.

The blaze reportedly was ignited by smoldering cigarette ashes left behind Thanksgiving morning, Allison reported.

A fire wall kept the flames from initially spreading, Allison said.

Ironically the VFW marked its 50th anniversary celebration about a month ago and long time members expressed great sadness over the loss and damage to much of the donated military items kept and displayed in the bar area.

Displays of memorabilia from the Korean Conflit, Desert Storm and the U.S. Military action in Panama took the brunt of the damage, Mach said.

"We are hoping that much of the World War II items including military maps, patches and script will be saved. We are also still awaiting word on a World War I infantry rifle we had on display," Mach added.

Not as fortunate were a large number of trophies and plaques that suffered extreme meltdown, members said.

As a prelude to possible reuse of the main portion of the VFW, a deodorizing program was about to be started to remove the smoke from the air, walls, ceiling and floor areas of the VFW.

The post has 179 members and an auxiliary consisting of 53 others, Mach said.

Persons seeking more information about the fire's impact on planned VFW outings are urged to call Mach at 941-3030 or 697-2935. Mach also serves as chairman of the VFW's board of directors.

Goodfellows will be out tomorrow

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Scores of Romulus Goodfellow volunteers will be out on street corners across the city tomorrow and Saturday selling this year's edition of the Goodfellow newspaper in an effort to heighten the group's Christmas funds.

Jill Martin, spokeswoman for the local Goodfellow, said various volunteers will begin selling the special 1997 edition of the Romulus Goodfellow newspaper from 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon and evening and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The papers were produced in co-operation with the Michigan Community News papers.

Mayor William Oakley, Police Chief Chuck Kirby, city council members and many other city, fire and police personnel are expected to be among the news sales volunteers.

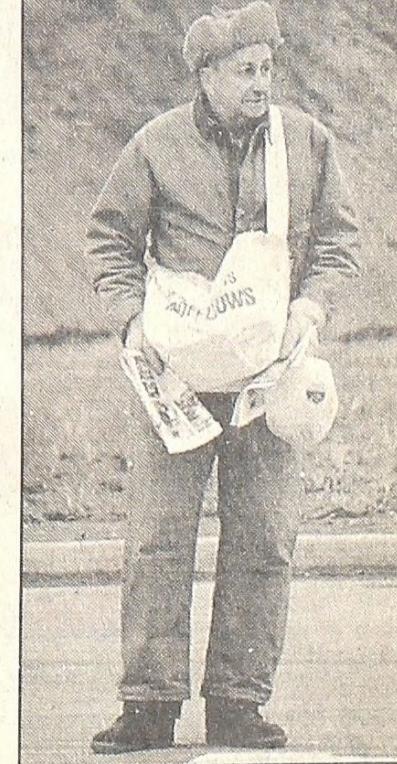
Applications for gifts from the local Goodfellow need to be in the city's hands by Dec. 12. The official applications can be picked up at City Hall, Police Headquarters and Fire Headquarters.

Distribution of the gift boxes will be made from Dec. 19-21, Martin said.

The goal of the Romulus Goodfellow has grown over the years from "No Child Without a Christmas" to "No Person

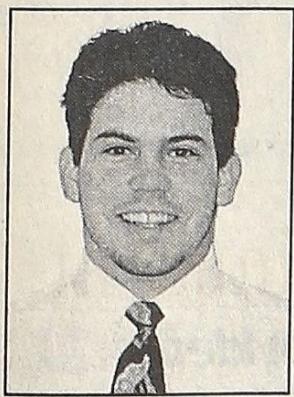
Without a Christmas" as senior citizens and other needy persons have been added to the gift list.

Last year the Goodfellow served over 300 needy Romulus persons.



Fred Anderson, chairman of the Romulus Fire, Police and Safety Commission, will once again be on Romulus street corners this weekend along with scores of other volunteers selling the 1997 Romulus Goodfellow newspapers. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

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'On Target' training launched

"Everyone is going to have to be trained to compete in the global market place.

- Dr. Curtis L. Ivery

A comprehensive training initiative was announced by Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) that partners WCCCD with NASA and Computer Associates, the world's third largest software company, to launch WCCCD into the 21st Century of training.

The "Guaranteed On Target (GOT) Training" program was announced by WCCCD president, Dr. Curtis L. Ivery.

The program is being promoted under the umbrella theme, "We GOT It" with a new program logo and catchy theme song.

"The 21st Century is fast approaching and everyone is going to have to be trained to compete in the global market place," Ivery said. "We firmly believe that people who enroll in these and other programs offered at WCCCD will have that competitive edge, as well as become viable, contributing members of the community."

"The Wayne County Com-

munity College District is taking a leadership role in providing training that advances our role as the College where 'Learning Leads to a Better Life.'

Training programs include: Computer technology certification in an unprecedented joint program with global software manufacturer Computer Associates.

A science, engineering, mathematics and aeronautics program in collaboration with NASA.

WCCCD is building a partnership with Detroit Works, the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) and 17 craft unions to meet construction activity ex-

pected in Wayne County and Detroit, with Metro Detroit Airport expansion, three casinos, and two new stadiums.

In service training for WCCCD employees including staff development and leadership programs.

Customer service oriented training for WCCCD student employees.

WCCCD administration and staff implementing the "We GOT It" training programs include Cynthia Kuhn, WCCCD Director of Corporate Services and Contract Training programs; Jacqueline Hodges, Associate Dean of Enrollment Management; and Kathie House, Director of Professional Development Programs.

Students need homes

High School exchange students from over 50 different countries are arriving to spend spring semester in this community and local family can participate.

AYUSA International, a leading non-profit, high school exchange program, invites families to host an AYUSA student. AYUSA provides cross-cultural experiences and local support for students, host families and their best communities. Part-time employment and hosting opportunities are available now in this area.

Individuals interested in working with the world's youth are invited to call AYUSA Regional Manager John Meyer at 800/765-4963.



Remember Dec. 7

George Simko of Romulus doesn't forget Dec. 7, the day that will live in infamy, when Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941. He even keeps old editions of newspapers to remind him of the date. MCN file photo

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DIGEST

SJMH named quality leader

For the second year in a row, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital has been rated Number One for having the "Best Overall Quality" by area residents.

"I appreciate the commitment our employees, physicians and volunteers have to providing high-quality, compassionate patient care. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed, as the National Research Corp. award demonstrates," said Garry Faja, president and CEO of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

Kids win poster awards

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Fire Department recognized students who created outstanding posters for Fire Prevention Week.

Winners were:

- Grades 1-3, Michelle Sadler, Field; Kirsten Christensen, Field; Shan Khan, Crescent Academy and honorable mention to Grant Jackson, St. Michael; Marie Sheko, Field and Daniel Walker, Plymouth Christian.
- Grades 4-5, Allison Clemons, Deanna Zylka, Joshua Finck, Jonathan Wendt and Adrienne Gelardi, all of Plymouth Christian Academy.

New agent serves area

Wesley Anderson of Dearborn Heights has joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent serving this area.

His office is located at 43050 Ford Road, Suite 130, Canton.

Canton man is founding sponsors

Among those named as founding sponsors of the Michigan Vietnam Monument is Stephen Nyquist of Canton.

The Vietnam Monument will be the first project to be located in the proposed Michigan All Veterans Park, behind the State Capitol and in line with the Michigan Historical Library & Museum.

Park offers nature programs

Outdoor Adventures for Kids (3rd and 4th graders) is slated from 10 a.m. until noon Dec. 6, at Oakwoods Metropark. There is a \$1.50 fee and pre-registration is required.

The Dogwood's Bark is a 2 p.m. Dec. 7 program on tree identification. Pre-registration is required.

For information/registration call Oakwoods Nature Center at 782-3956 or 1-800-477-3182.

Trade Center shows listed

On Dec. 5, 6 and 7, a gun and knife show will be held at the Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Racho Road, off Eureka, in Taylor. The show also will be staged on Dec. 26, 27 and 28.

A computer/technology show is slated Dec. 12, 13 and 14 and a sports card show is planned Dec. 19 20 and 21.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Total \$28,200 Record sum given in 1997 Crop Walk

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A record 354 participants in the 1997 Belleville-Romulus Crop Walk collected \$28,200 to fight local and worldwide hunger, co-coordinator Father John Hagan revealed last week.

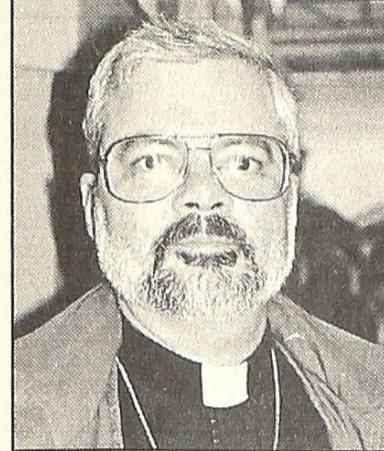
"We've never had a year as productive as this one," Hagan said. "The recruiters, churches and walkers worked harder this year than ever before."

Last year's totals of 299 walkers and \$20,077 collected was easily surpassed, thus guaranteeing that four local agencies that help the needy will be given checks for \$1,750 each next March, Hagan said.

Those organizations include: the Helping Hand Thrift Store of Romulus and the Belleville Emergency Food Closet, St. Vincent de Paul and the Belleville Church of God food pantry.

Hagan said the remaining \$21,000 will be used to fight world hunger.

The participating churches have risen from six to eight in recent years, Hagan said, and the collection total was aided greatly by three walkers who



John Hagan

turned in more than \$1,000 each.

Hagan said the Crop Walk was conducted on Oct. 5th as the walkers proceeded from the Community United Methodist Church in Romulus to the Trinity Episcopal Church in Van Buren Township.

They were stimulated by the image of Stephanie Smith and four women, who have joined in the Crop Walk for the past 15 years.

Michigan leads the nation in the number of Crop walks conducted each year (143). Last year more than \$2 million was raised throughout the state.

Romulus High School prepares for lock-in

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Support for the planned lock-in of Romulus High School students on New Years Eve is growing as the Mayor's Drug Task Force announced a \$1,000 donation last week.

The drug free 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. New Years' Eve/Day social adventure will take place inside Romulus High School under the direction of members of the Romulus Pastors' Association.

The Revs. Brad Lewis and Chad Moore, coordinators of the holiday event, appeared before the Romulus City Council last week and earned the council's endorsement of the musical/game program that they hope will become an annual event in the city.

The eight hour social event will feature three musical groups that will stress the excitement that comes to their lives without the use of drugs or alcohol.

Electronic entertainment and other games will be included in the night's activities for 13-18 year olds, Moore said.

Thousands of dollars worth of sound equipment for the event is being donated by the Audio Visual Impact firm of Farmington Hills, Moore ad-

ded.

The Romulus Kiwanis Club donated \$500 and the local Optimist Club is supplying volunteer help at the lock-in that night.

Scores of private citizens and local companies also have pledged cash or products in support of the lock-in.

Members of the high school's student government association will be selling \$7 and \$8 tickets. The dollar off tickets are available if the buyer turns in a can of food, Moore said.

Cash donations and volunteer adult chaperones are still being sought, Lewis revealed. Donations can be sent to the Ball Road Tabernacle Drug Free Lock-In fund at the First of America Bank on Wayne road in Romulus. The contact for the account at the bank is Robin Johnson.

Set up volunteers will be needed as early as 7 p.m. New Years Eve, Lewis explained and chaperones are being asked to show up by 9 p.m. Volunteers for the other end of the program, who will help as members of the tear down crew should be on site by 5:30 a.m.

For more information call Lewis at 941-0736 or Moore at 467-7420.



Educational update

Congresswoman Lynn Rivers is flanked by U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education Scott Fleming and Romulus School Superintendent Dr. William Bedell prior to a regional superintendents' round table discussion on educational issues in Romulus. MCN Special Photo



Computer tot

Although she barely reaches the computer desk at the William Faust Public Library in Westland, 2-year-old Isabelle Correia enjoys playing games on the computer. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

Life-saving marrow procedure explained

results indicate a potential match.

The testing costs are only \$65, and are free to anyone who cannot afford the test, which is why the team is raising money.

"With your permission, your HLA numbers will be posted on the National Bone Marrow registry," Thorne stated. "Your bone marrow could be a gift of life to anyone in the country, a child or an adult. Considering for a moment what time of year it is, how could anyone give a greater gift?"

If you are found to be a match for someone, the actual process of donating is a simple one. Usually, a general anesthetic is given, or you can have a pain block from the waist down so you can remain awake, then a doctor removes the marrow from your pelvic bone with a syringe. You will need to stay in the hospital overnight because of the use of an anesthetic, and the after effects are that of a sore muscle for a week or so. Your own marrow replaces itself in a few weeks, so you won't miss it at all.

"It's that simple," Thorne explained. "You're done. And, someone is potentially saved

from one of many cancers breast cancer, leukemia, or lymphoma, among others."

Because only sterile equipment is used, there is no chance that you will get aids from the test or donation. Don't assume you can't donate because of a past or present medical condition or prescription drugs you may be taking. Your marrow is not necessarily affected by these concerns.

If your marrow is found to be a match for someone, then and only then will you be confidentially contacted by the Red Cross. You do not have to donate. It is always your choice and at any time you can change your mind. No questions, no problems.

"The medical community continues to fight these terrible diseases, and as a result, the need for bone marrow transplants are on the rise," Thorne stated. "Together, we can fight these battles, together, we can win! You never know which side of a transplant you could be on."

The next bone marrow testing drive is 4 to 8 p.m. Dec. 12, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Belleville High School Cafeteria. For more information, call (313) 699-LIVE.

New priest arrives in Romulus

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A new parish priest, Father Rick (Richard) Thomson, has begun a new ministry at St. Alloysius Roman Catholic Community Church of Romulus.

Born in the New York City area, Thomson arrived on Nov. 17 from St. Joseph's Parish in Trenton and revealed in his first open letter to his parishioners that he plans to work to establish an active laity in the church.

Pleased with census data on church membership, Thomson wrote "we have a balance of both the young and the old in

our faith community." He said the church needs to have an active parish council, stewardship committee and other committees to serve the parish.

In the past, Thomson added many have felt "let Father or Sister do it." That style is not going to work, he added, and an active laity is one of his first priorities.

Thomson asked parish members to ask themselves "where does the church and parish life play a role in my life and that of my family?"

The new local priest was ordained in 1978 and last year joined the Crosier Fathers and Brothers, a Christian commu-

nity founded back in 1210.

His spiritual career to date has been varied as he has served as a teacher, director of pastoral care at two Catholic hospitals, special advisor to Bishop John Vlazny of Winona, Minn and recently served nine years as pastor of St. Bernard's in Stewardville, Minn.

He graduated from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and earned graduate degrees in psychology and pastoral psychology.

For the past nine months, Thomson has resided at St. Joseph's Parish in Trenton.

Book Ends

Books on pets are popular reading

Through the ages, people have kept animals for reasons quite independent of profit or survival. These animals, usually warm and fuzzy, are called "pets". They soothe the spirit, lower the blood pressure, draw people out of themselves, and offer friendship and affection when people feel discouraged and that nobody loves them anymore. Pets can help in the recovery from serious illness, and provide companionship, affection and a sense of touch to the elderly.

For the benefit of both the blood pressure and the creature itself, however, it is best to

choose a pet that fits the owner's lifestyle and temperament. The Wayne Library has books to help. In a special pet collection are books to guide in the choice of the pet for any household (or homestead).

In this collection are books about many various breeds of dogs and cats, as well as horses, cows, sheep, milk goats, pot-bellied pigs, ferrets, hedgehogs, guinea pigs, hamsters and mice. There are books about poultry, wild ducks, pigeons, parrots, cockatoos, parakeets, finches and canaries. There are several books about creatures not

quite warm and fuzzy: goldfish, freshwater and saltwater aquarium fish, salamanders, newts, prehensile-tailed skunks, iguanas and lizards of various sorts, snakes small and large, frogs and turtles, tarantulas, scorpions, night crawlers, and butterflies.

There are books on animal care, zoo animals, pet and people relationship, vet advice, orphans and abandoned animals, porpoise training and bookkeeping. We are prepared to help you and any "pet" reap the happy benefits of pet ownership.

Council honors Parker for environmental efforts

Recently resigned city Environmental Protection Board secretary Toby Parker was cited by the Romulus City Council for her caring involve-

ment in environmental issues during recent years.

Councilmen William Wadsworth and Michael Prybyla sponsored a council resolution

honoring Parker, who joined the EPB during the height of the controversy over the planned commercial injection well in Romulus.

Parker wrote a letter last month saying she was stepping down because she felt the board wasn't getting the proper help from elected city

officials.

EPB Chairman Lester Brady complained at Monday's meeting about what he called

the "inappropriate humor" used by this writer in the Nov. 27th edition.

The previous story in the *Romulus Roman* started out by saying "move over Rodney Dangerfield, members of the Romulus Environmental Protection board don't feel they are getting any respect either."

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID #97-61

5' JOHN DEERE ROTARY SNOW BROOM

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (313)942-7564.

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., December 16, 1997. At that time said bids will be publicly opened and read.

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD NOVEMBER 10, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, Randolph Gear

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald R. Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William J. Wadsworth

Absent: None

Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

William Oakley, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as amended.*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-490

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to approve the minutes of the Romulus City Council held November 3, 1997.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Burcroff, Morris.

Motion Carried.

97-491

4A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution acknowledging former Treasurer James Napierkowski for his years of service to the City.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-492

4A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to adopt a resolution acknowledging former Councilwoman Mary Collins for her two years of service to the City.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-493

4A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adopt a resolution acknowledging former Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry for his forty two years of service to the City.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-494

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-495

5A. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to award Bid 97-53 for Three Underbody Tailgate Salt Spreaders to the low bidder, Shults Equipment Company in the amount of \$4,698.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-496

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to award Bid 97-54 for Roof Repair and Replacement at the Police Department and Fire Stations #1 and #3 to the only bidder, M.W. Morss Roofing Company in the amount of \$23,936.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-497

5. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to accept the Mayor's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-498

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to elect William Wadsworth as Chairman Pro Tem, to preside over the Council meeting in the absence of the Chairman, and in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the Chairman.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Abstain - Wadsworth.

Motion Carried.

97-499

6A2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to schedule the regular meetings of the Romulus City Council on the first, second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris,

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 8, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to P.A. 198 or 1974, as amended, for Serta Restokraft Mattress Company, 2760 W. Warren, Detroit, Michigan.

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 8, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider revocation of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #95-180, pursuant to P.A. 198 or 1974, as amended, for Hayes Wheels, 38481 Huron River Drive, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

This is an open meeting! All interested citizens are invited to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be forwarded no later than December 8, 1997 at 12 'clock noon to the attention of:

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1997 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, Randolph Gear

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald R. Morris, Debbie Romak, William J. Wadsworth

Absent: None

Excused: Michael A. Prybyla

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-507

2. Motion by Morris, supported by Crova

RESOLVED:

1. That Comerica Bank of Detroit, and First of America Bank, are hereby designated to accept in accordance with its rules and regulations for credit of the City of Romulus and/or collection, of any and all checks, drafts, and other negotiable instruments when endorsed in the name of the City of Romulus by rubber stamp or otherwise.

2. That the Treasurer of the City of Romulus is hereby authorized to open with the bank(s) such accounts under such captions as may be determined necessary or desirable, including checking accounts, savings accounts, and time deposit accounts.

3. That any and all funds credited to such accounts with the banks may be paid out or withdrawn upon checks or withdrawal of transfer orders drawn against the respective accounts when signed by the Treasurer Pamela Morrison-Kersey only or joint signatures of the Mayor William M. Oakley and Deputy Treasurer Kathleen Lindroth, whose signatures shall be duly certified to the bank, and the bank hereby is authorized to honor and pay any and all checks or withdrawal or transfer orders without inquiry as to the circumstance of issue or the deposition of the proceeds thereof.

4. That these signatures will be applicable to any institution for investment purposes provided that when new investment accounts are added notification of same be forwarded to Council.

5. That any one (1) or more of the persons authorized to withdraw funds deposited hereunder are authorized to enter into with said bank, the contract set forth in the specimen signature cards provided by said bank for use with respect to any accounts opened pursuant thereto.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 10, 1997.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
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Western Wayne may decide exec race

I can't wait for the 1998 Democratic Primary. Sharon (45 percent of the Detroit mayoral vote) McPhail is challenging Ed (12 years in the top seat) McNamara for county executive. And guess what? Political consultants are expecting this to be a close one, with our area, Western Wayne County, probably deciding the outcome.

Out of the gate, one would assume McNamara has many advantages. For one, he hails from Western Wayne and has thousands of friends in his home town of Livonia and neighboring communities. Secondly, he and Mayor Dennis Archer (who publicly will remain neutral, but privately will devote vast resources to McNamara) are extremely close, which should translate into a never ending war chest of dollars and votes.

But McPhail does well when the odds are stacked against her. She gave Archer a run with virtually no organization and little money. And when it comes to charisma, McNamara is no Archer.

McPhail will certainly pick away at the seeds of discontent harboring in Western Wayne. Just last year, there were three different groups calling for succession from the County. Many feel disenfranchised from a county that is dominated by Detroit and its people. Whether McPhail can convince these people that an African American woman, who has always championed Detroit over the "burbs" is now their friend, is a key question.

Experts say McPhail needs 30 percent of the out-county vote to have a chance. Assuming Livonia Democrats are going to vote overwhelmingly for their favorite son, that makes

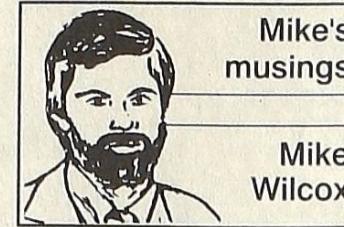
Mayor Robert Thomas' political machine in Westland (the state's 10th largest city, with a huge list of registered Democrats) an important plum for either McNamara or McPhail to win.

I suspect both candidates will become familiar faces in Thomas' kingdom as well as Wayne, Inkster, Romulus and Van Buren. For once, McNamara has a formidable challenger, and I look forward to a hotly contested executive race.

I'm sad to write that this is probably the last edition in which Managing Editor Joan Dyer-Zinner's byline will appear. She is retiring from the helter skelter world of editing a newspaper to devote more time to family and traveling.

She will sorely be missed at Michigan Community Newspapers where she ran the editorial end of the business. As past president of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce and current Vice President of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, her face (and camera, I might add) were familiar to many folks in Western Wayne.

But it was the behind-the-scenes work that made her invaluable. She worked long hours to see that news of interest was packaged into all six of our midweek newspapers. And she did it with a smile and sharp wit that will always be remembered. Her hard work paid off this year when her staff won no less than six awards for editorial excellence. We'd like to publicly thank her for a job well done.



Mike's
musings
Mike
Wilcox

Writers need ink in veins

Being a newspaper writer or editor is a unique occupation, and is successfully pursued only by individuals who are born with "ink in their veins."

After many years in the field, I believe that writers are born, not trained — even by the most prestigious journalism schools. While would-be journalists can learn the techniques in a classroom, they must have an inherent ability to recognize a potential story — the so-called "nose for news."

Coupled with their ability to "sniff" out a story, they must have the tenacity to grab it like a pit bull and hang on until they have shaken out all of the details and separated the insignificant from the salient.

Those who are dedicated to their profession also must be able to put aside other obligations to pursue a story — a practice that does not always mesh with the schedules of families and friends.

No one comes into the newsroom with get-rich-quick dreams, or, if they do, they soon depart for the more lucrative field of public relations. Maybe that's not all bad. It serves to weed out those who are not serious or dedicated about newspaper reporting, and leaves those who love the magic of words and phrases, the thrill of a breaking story and the nerve-wrecking pressure of meeting deadlines.

I came through the "back door" of the newsroom, starting as a typesetting and learning my trade by reading the hard copy and asking the news editor why he has taken out a certain phrase or changed a word here or there. Before I had a copy of the AP Stylebook, the bible of the newspaper editors, I had picked up scores of style tips "by osmosis."

Then, I wormed my way into the newsroom by offering to take assignments that the staff could not handle. Usually, that meant the ones in the boondocks of southern Wayne and northern Monroe counties. I continued my dual role of typesetting and news reporting until the resistance of the managing editor eventually wore down and she hired me as a full-time writer cautioning me that if I didn't con-

tinue taking college classes, I would be terminated.

During my first years as a reporter, I attended classes two or three nights a week and covered city or township meetings the remaining evenings.

Fortunately, my editor was a professional who demanded perfection from her writers and would not settle for less. A story that lacked a item of important information or the attribution of a statement was back on the desk of the reporter within minutes for corrections or additions.

Just before deadline one week, I turned in a story about a school board member who had hurriedly resigned and left town without explanation. My editor would not accept my statement that it was common knowledge that the board member had moved, so she ordered me to check the vacant house. I drove to the board member's home, peered into the windows and checked the property for evidence of occupancy. When I returned, I was able to confirm that the board member's house was vacant and complete my story.

I also learned to take personal responsibility for confirming information in my stories — a lesson that has remained with me.

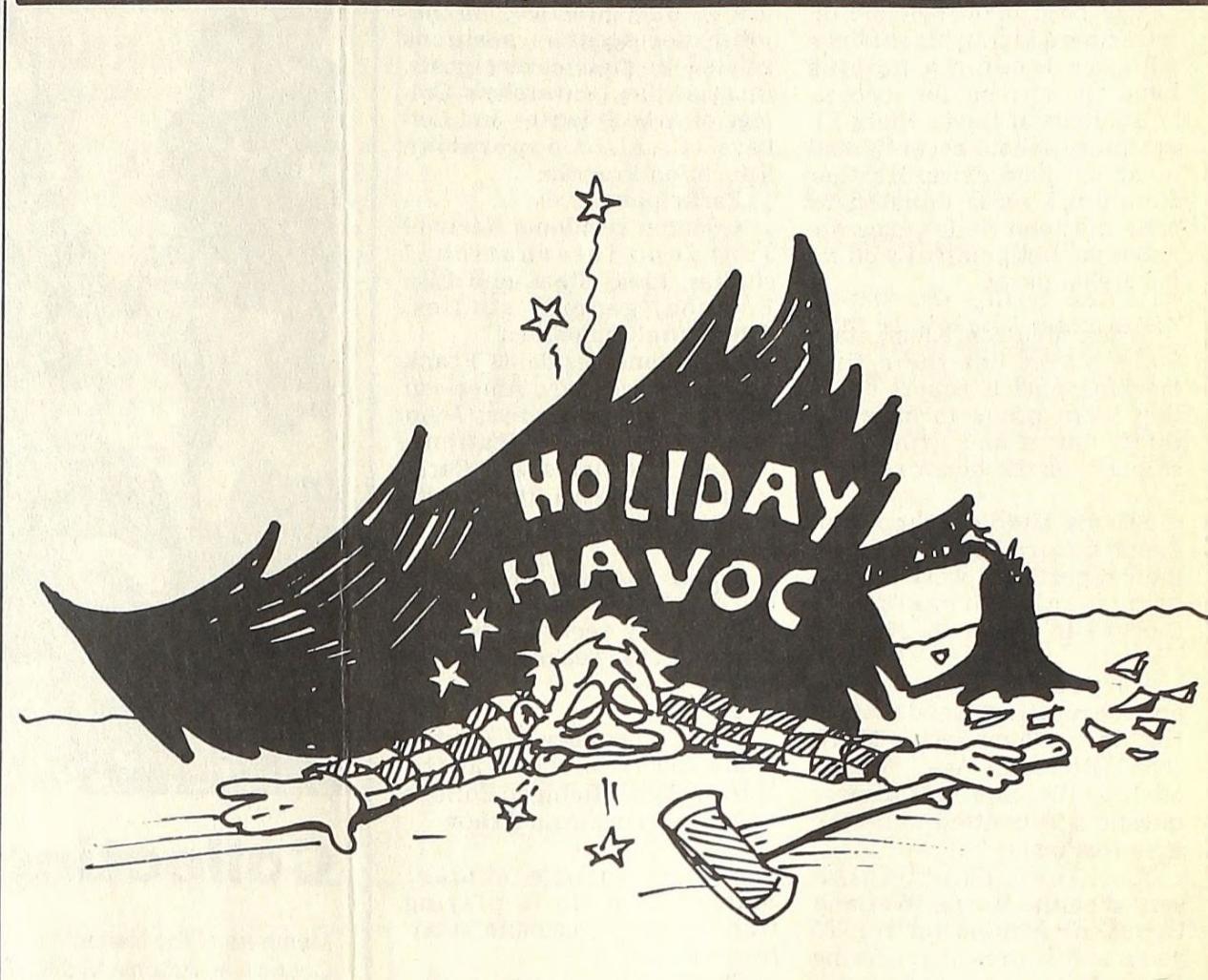
From my days as a staff writer, I went on to become a women's section editor, news editor and currently, managing editor of this newspaper. During the same period, I've expanded my skills to include photography.

Personal reasons have prompted me to take a hiatus from my current post. My future plans are "on hold" for the present, but may include some short story writing.

However, when you have "ink in your veins" the newspaper business continues to lure one with its siren call, and the call is difficult to disregard for long.



Reflections
Joan Dyer-Zinner



Center is needed

To the editor:

I disagree with the article printed in another newspaper, where School Board Vice President Matthew McCusker referred to the new addition added to the Westland senior center (Friendship Center) as "the temple." He said, and I quote the article: "McCusker said he wished city officials would spend as much money on youth programs as they do on the temple on Newburgh Road," referring to the senior citizen Friendship Center." He said "Fair is fair." I disagree for the following reasons.

The temple, as he called it, was approved by the City council. We, the seniors, were asking Sylvia A. Kozorosky-Wiacek, Director of the Senior Resources Department, (Friendship Center), for more space. She, in turn, spoke to Mayor Thomas. The Mayor brought this matter to the attention of the City Council. Months later, it was approved. Many seniors contributed donations to the building program. What's fair is fair.

More and more seniors are becoming members for the following reasons: The activities that take place at the Center. I will name a few: euchre; pinochle; line, Hawaiian and ballroom dancing; free blood pressure screening; bingo; free legal advice; and trips to Frankenmuth and many other places. The Friendship Center is considered one of the best senior centers in the United States by the federal and state government as shown by the many commendations re-

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ceived.

Matthew, "Fair is fair."

A number of seniors volunteered their time for the new play area near City Hall. At Christmas each year, the seniors at the Friendship Center donate gifts for the needy children. Who should know more about children than seniors? Children are the investment in life.

The majority of the seniors live on a fixed income (Social Security). I happen to be one of them. Each day the senior center provides us with a hot meal. Many seniors volunteer their time delivering food to homebound shut-ins through Meals on Wheels.

Matthew, we seniors do not have a monopoly on life. Let us enjoy our leisure years. There aren't many left for us.

"A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds."

"To admit you have been wrong is but saying that you are wiser today than you were yesterday."

Matthew, in conclusion, when the new "temple" is complete, I invite you to the opening ceremonies, but you must bring your shillelagh, and I will bring a baseball bat. Then we will have a dannybrook and later sit down to a good dinner of Irish stew and good Polish sausage chavenna, wieprzowe nozki w galariecie or zimne nogie and czarmina soup. We may also kiss the Blarney stone. Erin Go Bragh.

Matthew, I wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

One more thing, donate some

money for the new building.

God bless you and your family.

Jan Stanley Plonski
Chairman of the
Veterans Committee
UAW Local 157

Debugging for Asian flu

To the editor:
Can the IMF "Men in Black" save the world from the Asian "economic bug?" Don't bet the farm on it.

Here's why:

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank were established in 1944 at the Bretton Woods Economic Conference in New Hampshire. The IMF was created to support the so-called Bretton Woods "monetary system."

Under the Bretton Woods system the U.S. dollar would be pegged to gold, and all other world currencies would be roughly pegged to the dollar. This guaranteed that global traders would always be comparing "apples to apples" in their currency dealings.

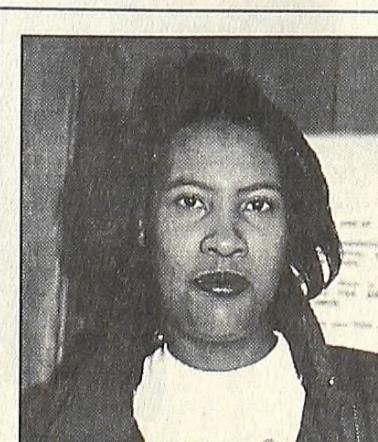
But, the Bretton Woods system broke down in 1971 when the U.S. went off the gold standard, and things have been pretty chaotic ever since.

The IMF's "job description" is to help smaller countries with their fiscal and monetary problems. Typically, this has meant taking some "tin horn" dictator by the ear and showing him where the "off" button is on his official government printing press.

But, the Asian problems are different. Asian countries already

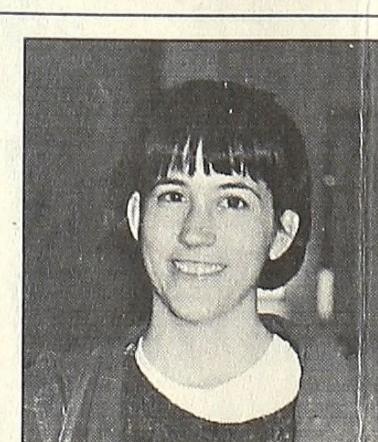
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FOOTNOTES: What do you expect the hottest gifts to be this Christmas?



Elizabeth Wells
Taylor

Clothes will be a great gift for any woman. Especially for me!



Jennifer Correia
Westland

Kids want CD roms — the Disney ones. Also, there's a Barney that connects with a computer. I think that will be popular.



Rachel Taylor
Student, 13

CDs for teens. Barbie is coming back and she'll be popular with little kids.



Angie Bohmier
Student, 15

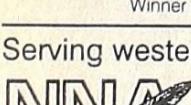
Teens want clothes — brand name ones. Everyone has his or her own favorite brand.



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have blue ribbon savings rates and strong work ethics. Asian economies suffer from over-investment and over-capacity caused primarily by a global glut of U.S. dollars.

In effect, a "Dollar Bubble" is circling the global economy like some Hollywood "death star" threatening to go "super nova" at any time.

But this is not a movie! And the IMF "good guys" probably can't win this fight. In truth, the global economy is starting to resemble a Shakespearean play.

At first, it all seems like *A Midsummer Night's Dream* where everything can be *As You Like It*. But soon a *Comedy of Errors* ensues. Then, like Caesar, Macbeth, Hamlet and Lear we curse our fate, and rail against *The Tempest* about to break over our heads. And in the end, only "the fool" is left standing as the curtain goes down.

But, unlike Hollywood, in economics and in Shakespeare the "good guys" don't always win.

Walter Warren
Westland

C & G papers join SPRING

Spring Newspaper Network, the organization that has brought to many national and regional advertisers an easy, cost-effective way to reach the suburbs in the Detroit metropolitan area, announced today that C and G Newspapers have joined the group.

Founded in 1981 and headquartered in suburban Warren, C and G publishes 11 local newspapers serving 23 communities with an aggregate circulation of 375,000.

C and G replaces Independent Newspapers, which have resigned from the group.

"Compared to the old network, the new Spring reaches more readers, provides better penetration, offers more concentration in the retail trading zone delivers far better demographics," according to Fred Manuel, President of Heritage Newspapers of Southgate, one of the original Spring founders.

The new spring network will offer 32 individual community newspapers with an aggregate total midweek circulation of 618,000 and Sunday distribution of more than 500,000. This breaks down mid-week to 265,000 in Macomb County, 124,000 in Oakland County and 228,000 in suburban Wayne County.

Spring Network also offers a Greater Spring buy, which includes community newspapers serving Livingston, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties. The Greater Spring buy delivers a total circulation of 673,000.

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Sheriff's posse rides again at Fairlane

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Dearborn Police and Fairlane Town Center Security once again join forces for a stepped up security presence during the holiday season at Fairlane Mall in Dearborn.

"Our volunteer posse once again becomes a symbol of the true spirit of giving during the holidays. This program reflects the great coalition effort

between the Sheriff's Department, Dearborn Police and Fairlane Security", said Sheriff Robert Ficano.

This is the seventh year the joint venture, where the Sheriff's volunteer posse assists in patrolling the parking areas on horseback. The greater visibility helps ensure public safety and gives citizens security assurances during the holidays. Posse members have

assisted stranded motorists, helped lost children (and adults), assisted with traffic congestion and most importantly help reduce crime.

Weekend patrols began Nov. 28. Over the years the horses and riders have become a hit with shoppers and business owners alike. "We are happy to have the mounted posse here at Fairlane Town Center. The additional eyes and ears and

greater visibility brings a greater sense of security for our shoppers", said Fairlane Security Chief Harold Scott.

Sheriff Ficano urges all shoppers to take the following precautions for a safe holiday:

- Stay alert to your surroundings- look around your parking spot before you enter and exit your vehicle.
- Shop with a friend whenever possible.

- Pay for purchase with a check or credit card. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

- Carry your purse under your arm and never leave it unattended. Be careful with your wallet and handbags.

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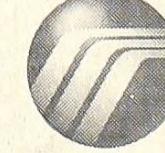
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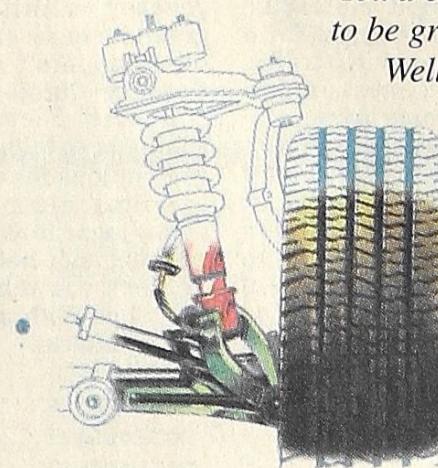
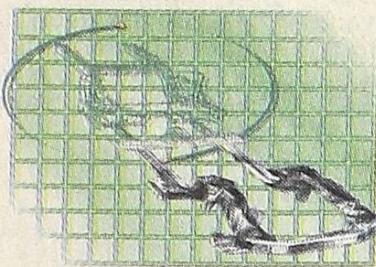


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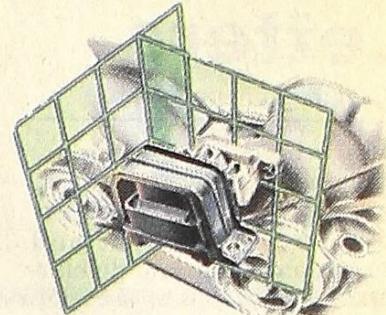
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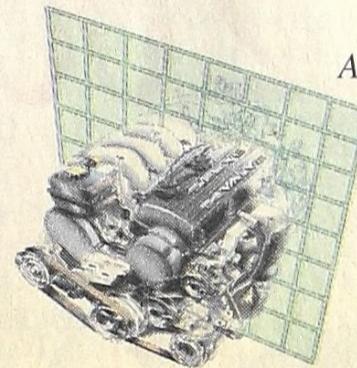
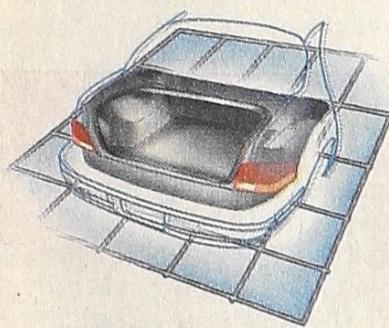
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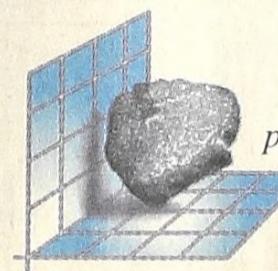
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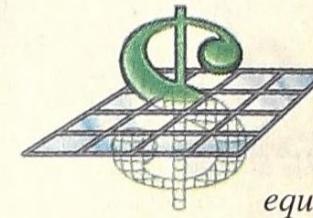
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Entertainment Happenings

What holiday apparel is hot?

If it feels good -- wear it! Soft fabrics, particularly plush, velour and velvetine, are hot for holiday wear. Velour dresses in black and solid colors are perfect for parties. Black velvetine pants paired with a silk charmeuse blouse provide a dramatic look -- and don't forget a velvet clutch purse.

Also, "sizzling hot" for holiday wear are velvet burnout scarves -- in black, brown and jewel tones -- just right to accent a basic black dress.

There are new looks in jewelry with silver being the hottest metal of the season. In addition, freshwater pearls in bronze tones add a sophisticated touch to the holidays. Pearls, in a variety of colors, put a new twist on an old favorite.

For a luxurious, yet casual, look, velvetine pants, vests and jackets are perfect for all types of celebrations. Chenille cardigans also are perfect for a casual get-together or for more formal occasions with paired with a skirt.

How about casual wear? Brushed fleece provide warmth and style, and corduroy is a hot trend for men this holiday season. In addition to traditional colors such as pebble, navy and black, men's sport shirts are grape, olive, burgundy, gold and turquoise this season.

Ski sweaters -- whether or not you head for the slopes -- are popular this season.

Women can keep warm in brushed fleece separates in exciting colors, including cobalt and cyber green, or in long plush velour loungers.

For cozy feet, there are chenille and angora socks.

Holidays are time to entertain

The holiday season is a time for friends, families, loved ones and co-workers to gather, celebrate and share. Many people will find themselves both attending and hosting holiday parties this season.

Target Homes introduces two unique collections for holiday entertaining and decorating -- gold combined with ruby, which creates a statement of casual elegance, and a modern spirit with silver, cobalt blue and lavender.

The ruby/gold collections include everything from linens to dinnerware. Cream dinnerware with a delicate gold trim and ruby red drinkware, oversized hand-painted platters banded with red poinsettias and lustrous gold table linens are just a few ways to add new appeal to this year's holiday party.

Silver, cobalt blue and lavender are featured in dinnerware, drinkware and gift items. This season, silver will take several different forms in silver plated, aluminum, chrome and silver leaf in stunning vases, bowls and accessories to make an exquisite statement in any room.

Sports gifts popular

By DON RICHTER
MCN Special Writer

Yes, it's that time of year, again. It's the time to go out and battle the crowds at the local department store or strip mall. Yes, it's Christmas shopping time. Blissful nirvana for some; drudgery for others.

With the success of the Red Wings and the Wolverines, sports gifts will be at a premium this holiday season.

The hottest sports gifts will, in turn, appear to have something to do with these two teams.

"Anything dealing with the Red Wings flies off the shelves as quick as we can put them on," marveled Khris Ryckman, who works at the Fan Zone, a sports store in the Westland Mall. "Also, anything U-M, from sweatshirts, T-shirts to hats doesn't last too long."

Over at J.C. Penney in the Westland Mall, sales associate William Howze said that his hottest selling item is the Red Wing jersey with the patches sewn on them commemorating injured Red Wing Vladimir Konstantinov. Also selling well are the leather and reversible jackets with the Red Wings logo on them, as well as the button-up denim shirts with the logo on them and the Wings' Stanley Cup championship hats.

Howze mentioned that the U-M sweatshirts and hats, especially the dark blue ones are also hot sellers.

At Playball, a sports store across from Westland Mall, the best selling items again have to do with the Red Wings. The Yzerman jersey doesn't stay in stock long, according to workers at the store.

Other items going fast are: Red Wing autographed memorabilia from plaques to posters, car flags, Santa Red Wing Christmas cards, miniature Red Wing zambonies, a Red Wing C-D Rom yearbook and, finally, Red Wing dog collars.

At MC Sporting Goods, located in the Westland Plaza on Wayne Road, Veronica Combs, assistant manager, said, "U-M everything and anything is selling, especially the Rose Bowl sweatshirts. The U-M Christmas ornament balls are going fast, as well as U-M hats and other apparel."

Back at the Westland Mall, Champs Sports' workers said that they can't keep the Charles Woodson No. 2 jersey in the store.

With the success of the Red Wings and the Wolverines, sports gifts will be at a premium this holiday season.

"We hang the jerseys up, and the next minute they're gone, it seems," said one astonished worker.

At the Fan Zone, Khris Ryckman said that another huge seller is the Headliners. These are little figurines of Red Wing stars Sergei Fedorov, Brendan Shanahan and Steve Yzerman. "I can't hang them up fast enough," Ryckman said.

For those of you who have enough Red Wings and U-M apparel, there are plenty of other hot selling items geared toward the sports fan in your life.

At the Lady Footlocker in Westland Mall, sales associate Cherese Wilkerson commented on their top selling items. "The Adidas polyester tear-away basketball warm-ups that the pros use are very popular with both the young boys and girls. In fact, anything with the Adidas logo is selling fast."

"The WNBA jerseys are also very popular, especially with the young girls. And, Nike anything. Anything with a swoosh on it, they want it," she said.

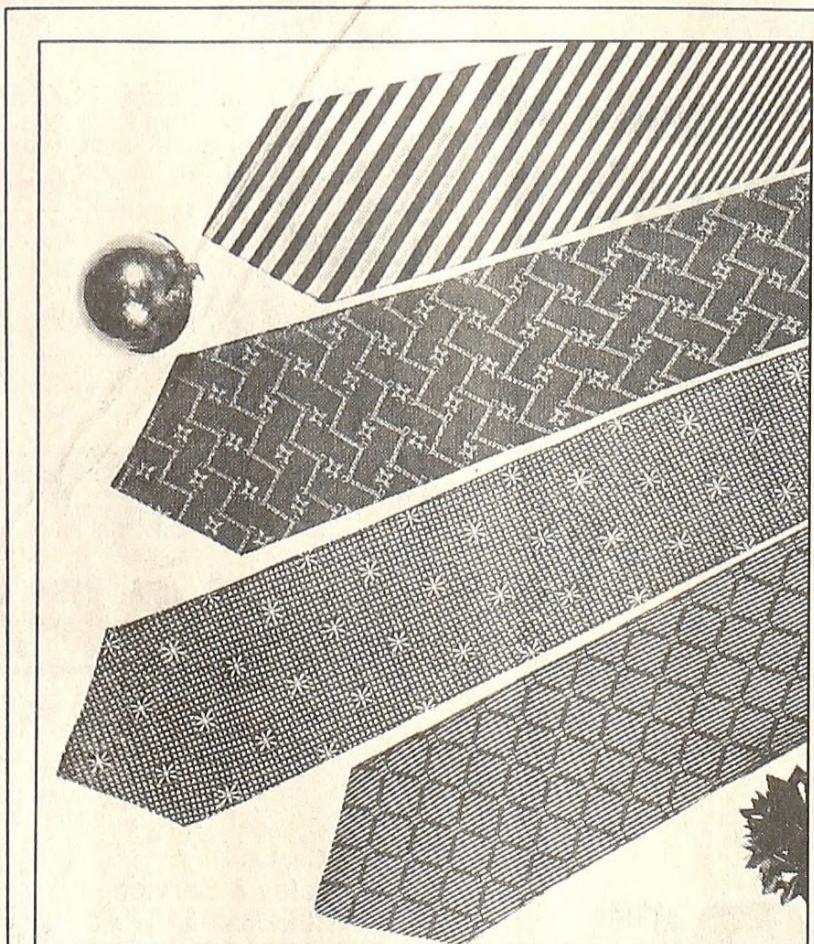
Finally, at MC Sporting Goods, Bombs said that air hockey games and fussball games are popular. Along with treadmills, Air Striders, CSA Healthwalker Plus and roller blades.

Again, anything Adidas seems to go quickly, as well as Nike apparel, too, she said.

"Hockey gear is one of our most popular sellers. With the Red Wings winning the Cup, our sales went through the roof."

Other big sellers are the hockey cards in a can, portable basketball hoops, golf ball clocks and starter kits for golf.

"The perfect stocking stuffers are the Pocket Pro miniaature football helmets. They fly off the shelves," Combs said.



Tie one on

Some 20 million ties will be purchased as holiday gifts this year, according to the Neckwear Association of America. If you want the tie you buy to be an appreciated gift, here's a few tips: Buy a tie that fits his taste (not yours), consider his interests (golf, hockey and cigar motifs are available) and check his clothing labels for clues as to his favorite brands or designers. A final note: the fashion color pallet this holiday season leans toward bright tones like reds and French blue and unusual colors like lime, purple, copper, gold and rust. MCN Special Photo



Gift favorites

Samantha Walters, 4, of Westland likes Winnie the Pooh and, of course, Minnie Mouse. During a recent shopping trip, she found several "good gifts." MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

Shoppers seek unique gifts for friends, family

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Managing Editor

When you're making your list and checking it twice, do you have a problem selecting unique gifts for your friends and family?

Everyone wants to have his or her present accompanied by "oohs and ahhs," and the best way to ensure this is to be aware of the recipients' interests and listen carefully to their conversation for clues to their holiday wishes.

Remembering that your aunt has complained about the broken beater on her mixer should provide you with an ideal gift for her -- a new mixer. Noting that a child has a keen interest in a computer game or a virtual pet should provide a clue to their special wants, and recalling that a relative has admired your handmade Afghan could prompt

you to create a duplicate as a present.

Why not pass along a family heirloom or an admired piece of jewelry to a family member who would treasure it more than a newly purchased present?

Because it is the season of entertaining, it's appropriate -- and appreciated -- to give baskets of holiday treats, glassware, candles and candle holders, holiday linens or Christmas ornaments.

Because we are apt to see people unexpectedly during the holidays, it's wise to have an extra gift or two on hand. These gifts could be a journal, a box of flavored coffees or teas, a package of guest soaps, holiday candles or decorated hand towels -- if no one claims your special gifts, you can put them to good use yourself.



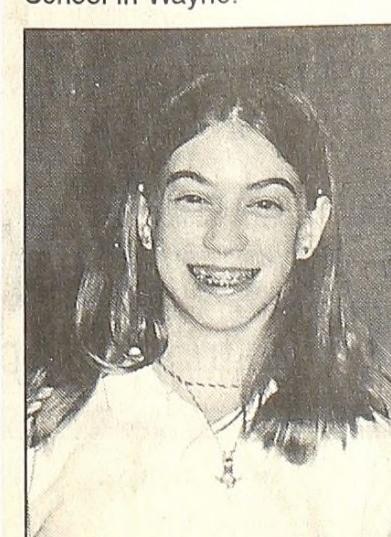
"A Polly Pocket doll" is the Christmas wish of Marissa Piyo, a second-grader at St. Mary School in Wayne.



"A Spider Web Splash Shooter," said Jerry Vergona, 6, a student at St. Mary School School.



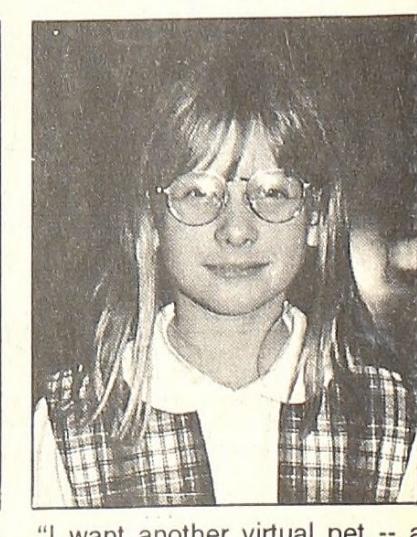
"Computer games. I think most kids want them, too," said James Evans, an eighth grader.



"Clothes -- not any special item -- just clothes," said eighth grader Megan Thompson.



"A Giga pet. I've got a monkey and I want a dog," said Caitlin Summer, a fourth-grader at St. Mary School.



"I want another virtual pet -- a Giga dog. I've already got a monkey," said Elyse Allard, a fifth-grader.

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Actor comes home to present show

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Managing Editor

Professional actor and playwright Ricardo Pitts-Wiley is coming home on Dec. 13 to present a one-man show that he has presented in many areas of the country -- but never before in his home community, Sumpter Township.

Pitts-Wiley's performance is titled, *35 Miles from Detroit*, and tells the story of an aftermath of a nuclear disaster in the Motor City through the eyes of an African-American poet, Alexander Toussant, who escapes the bombed city to return to the country town where he grew up. There, he fulfills a promise to his friends and family and leaves a taped message about the big and small events of his life growing up in America in the '60s and '70s.

The actor looks forward to returning to his home town, of which he has many pleasant memories, he said in a phone interview last week.

"It wasn't perfect, but it was a good place to grow up," he said. "It was middle America, and I never felt in danger there."

Pitts-Wiley recalls the farms and backyard gardens tended by his neighbors and the feeling of neighborliness and community that was part of living in Sumpter Township.

"Carmichael's (a tavern on Sumpter Road) was the social center of the black community -- it was a gathering place," he said.

"When I was a kid, my mother would write out a list for milk, bread, bologna and corn meal and I'd take it to the market -- Rose's on Judd Road or Mike's Store or Thompson's -- and the owner would keep a tab. At the end of the week or month, it was settled. No one went without," Pitts-Wiley said. "That was the same for blacks or whites -- everyone bought groceries like that."

He recalled that Monte's Market on Sumpter Road was the first "super market" in the township.

"I went on hayrides and had a good time growing up," he said.

"The most horrible thing that happened in my high school years was when the district was divided. All of us had gone to school together and we were attending Belleville High

School when the district was divided and his classmates went to Lincoln High, others to Huron High and some stayed in Belleville. I went to Airport High School."

The division not only separated the students, but broke up the community, said Pitts-Wiley, noting that the focus of the community on school sports and activities became fragmented.

Pitts-Wiley attended the one-room Sumpter School and recalls that Mrs. Rice was his first-grade teacher.

Pitts-Wiley has fond members of the roller skating rink that still exists on Sumpter Road.

"When I was growing up, there were some nights for blacks and some nights for whites, and we never mixed. I don't remember any complaints. That was just like it was. Kids would play together in the grades up to about the fifth grade, and then they would separate," said Pitts-Wiley. "For the most part it was a segregated community. There was racism present, but it was below the surface."

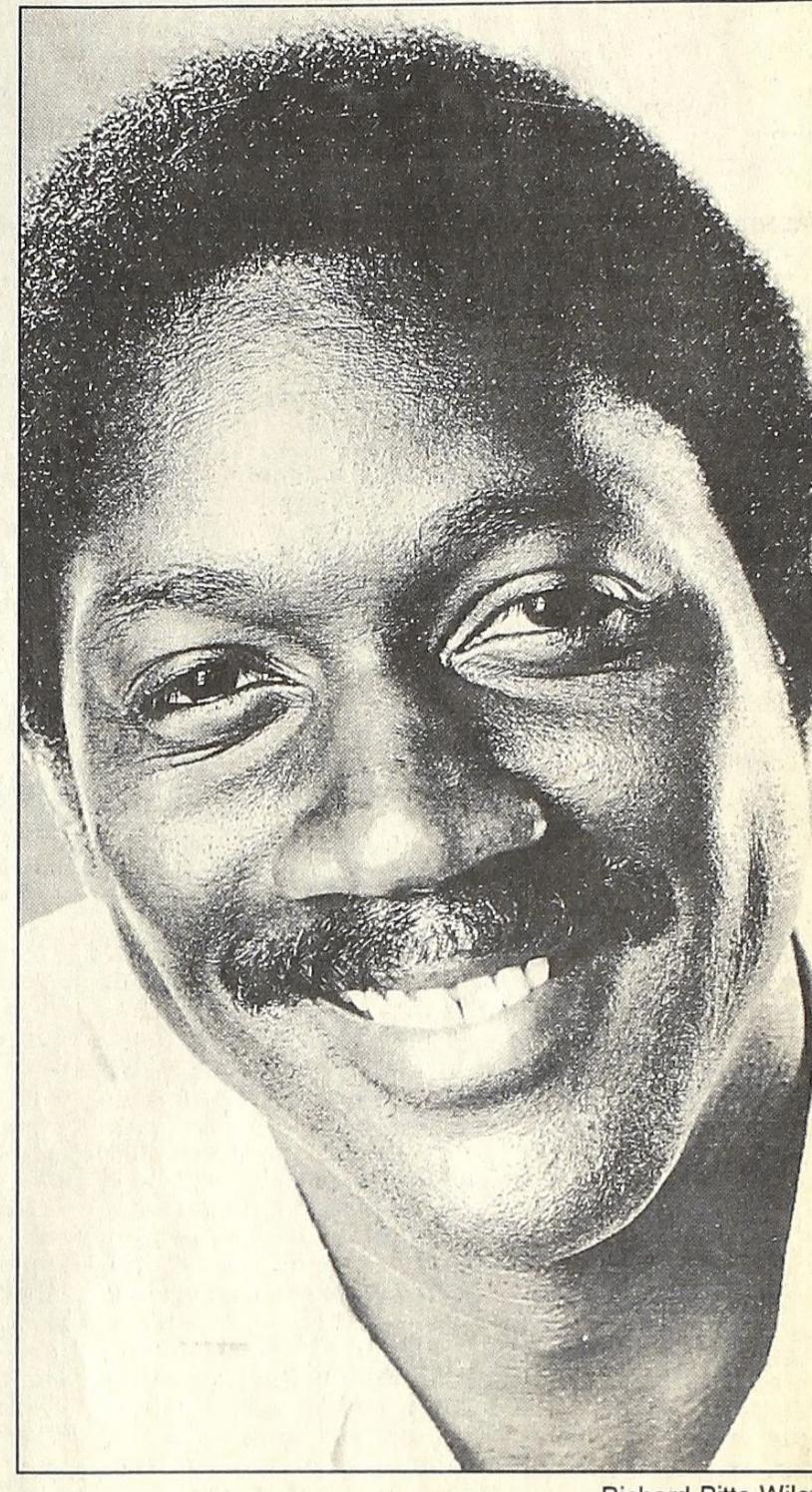
Pitts-Wiley, who was one of 10 children, said he remembers that every black family in his childhood was a two-parent family and "everyone expected to graduate from high school."

"At that time, there was a feeling in the community that everyone would graduate from high school and go on to college. There was a lot of disappointment in the family if someone didn't (graduate)," the author said.

"My father was active in Sumpter politics and was president of the local NAACP. I remember going to some protests with him. We picketed the A&P store that was in the center of Belleville because they hadn't hired any blacks, although they had a lot of black customers. We also picketed the car dealer in town for the same reason," the actor said.

Pitts-Wiley has some sad memories of growing up in Sumpter Township. The first, he said, was being in school when he heard about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"Everyone cried and the buses came early and took us home," Pitts-Wiley recalled. "We felt the death of Kennedy,



Richard Pitts-Wiley

Kids would play together in the grades up to about the fifth grade, and then they would separate.

- Richard Pitts-Wiley

because many students were politically active in the presidential campaign and we felt close to him.

The second sad event was the period when drugs and the accompanying violence spilled over into the community from Detroit.

On Dec. 13, Pitts-Wiley will

be back in town to see familiar sights, visit with family and friends and to bring *35 Miles from Detroit* to the place where he grew up.

The show will be presented at the Sumpter Community Center, 23480 Sumpter Road. General admission is \$5.

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Church News

An evening of music and dramatic productions will be offered from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the First United Methodist Church of Belleville.

The event called "Try It Night" will also include recreation and crafts, Bible/faith explorations and dinner.

Reservations need to be made by Dec. 5 by calling 697-9288. Cost is \$3.

Helpers are needed to get the First United Methodist Church of Belleville's Food Closet geared up for the winter months. Contact Toni Hunt at 313-697-9288 if you wish to help sort or pack food for the holidays.

An Alzheimers support group has formed at St. John Neumann Parish of Canton. The next meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18th at the church under the leadership of Rosemarie Shim, a social worker who has worked with such patients and their families for the past 14 years. Meetings will continue the third Thursday of each month.

Persons in Western Wayne County wishing to sign a petition that opposes the opening of casinos in Detroit should contact Pastor Brad Lewis at the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus.

A drive is being held to collect 240,000 signatures to put

the anti-casino question on the November 1998 ballot in Michigan.

Julie Weber, a certified chaplain with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, has joined the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's hospice program as a spiritual counselor.

"Losing a loved one is one of the most difficult things we experience in our lives," Weber said. "Everyone grieves differently, so counseling must be tailored to the unique needs of each individual," she added.

Weber holds degrees from Madonna University of Livonia and St. Mary's University of Winona, Minn. has has eight years of experience counseling hospital and hospice patients.

For further information call 800-527-6266.

Concert organist Thomas Murray will offer a free inaugural organ recital at 8 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Christ Church Cranbrook at 470 Church road in Bloomfield Hills. The concert replaces one that had been scheduled last Sept. 29th that was canceled due to a power failure.

The concert is being conducted to display the church's newly restored pipe organ and will include music composed by Johann Sebastian Bach, Louis Vierne, Edward Elgar, etc.

Navy Lt. Daniel J. Hohman, son of Anita M. Hicks of Westland recently attended the 22nd annual Marine Corps Marathon, Washington, D.C.

Hohman was one of nearly 19,000 participants in this year's event. Although no prize money is involved, "The Marathon of Monuments" is the fourth largest marathon in the U.S. and stretches 26.2 miles. Hohman and other service members from other nations contribute toward the overall success of the event.

Marine Lance Cpl. Clemente Herrera, son of Emilio and Lope Herrera of Westland, recently participated in Exercise Bright Star '97 while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) embarked aboard the ships of the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group.

Students gain experience

Fifty-four University of Michigan-Dearborn students are gaining practical on-the-job experiences in positions related to their career goals, through the University's College of Arts, Sciences and Letters (CASL) Cooperative Education Program.

Participants are:

• Canton residents Rachael

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Applications are available in the Office of the President, Room 190 in the Administration Building. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline for applying is Monday, Dec. 15. For information, call (313) 462-4420.

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El Nino arrives

State weather should be slightly warmer, drier

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Managing Editor

What type of winter weather will we face? Do we have heavy snows deep freezes in store or will be weather be mild? How will El Nino affect the Michigan winter?

Some predictions call for a drier than normal winter with combined average monthly temperatures for December, January and February at an average of three to five degrees above normal. Near to below normal snowfalls are expected this winter.

Although El Nino is a phenomenon that develops in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean off the coast of Ecuador, its effects are expected to be felt in Michigan.

El Nino is an unusual warming of the western Pacific Ocean, off the coast of Peru and Ecuador which occurs every three to seven years. Typically, an El Nino (Spanish for the child) starts in the summer, peaks around Christmas and subsides by the following summer.

It warms the waters of the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean between five and eight degrees above normal within 600 miles of the Equator and can extend as far west as the International Date Line.

Each El Nino is different. The warmest El Nino in recorded history occurred during 1982-83. There have been 22 significant events this century, including 1986-87, 1992-93, 1940-41, 1919-20, 1913-14 and 1901-02.

The longest El Nino on record began in 1991 and contin-



ued through April 1995.

The current El Nino has already set a record for the fastest warming at the start of an event. By mid-August of this year, some ocean locations near the coast of Peru were as much as 10 degrees above normal. No other event on record has warmed so much -- so quickly. If current trends continue, this could be the warmest El Nino on record.

Although El Nino originates between 5,000 and 10,000 miles from Michigan it affects the local climate because of the heat energy that drives earth's weather comes from the tropical oceans. So when the distribution of the warmer water is changed, as during an El Nino event, the location and strength of the jet stream patterns are changed, having a profound effect on global weather.

As the upper level winds of the jet stream come on shore over western North America, one of two patterns usually result: Either the jet splits with

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the southern branch of the jet steam carrying most of the energy into southern California or the jet energy climbs over the upper ridge along the U.S. West Coast, bringing most of the energy into western Canada.

When most of the jet energy goes into western Canada, Michigan typically receives below normal snowfall. When there is a split in the jet stream pattern, there is a better chance of getting above normal snowfall.

In general, El Nino results in warmer than normal winters about 80 percent of the time in Michigan. During most of these winters, temperatures average two to five degrees above normal. El Nino winters are drier than normal about 80

percent of the time. Snowfall is below normal about 55 percent of the time.

A look at the *Old Farmer's Almanac* gives Michigan residents the following predictions:

- Nov. 22-25, rain and then colder; Nov. 26-30, windy and showers.

- Dec. 1-9, colder, snow showers; 10-11, sunny and cold; 12-14, rain and snow; 15-23, cold, flurries; 24-31, cold, then milder with rain.

- Jan. 1-3, heavy snow; 4-09, milder with heavy rain; 10-15, sunny, mild; 16-18, flurries; 19-24, mainly dry, seasonable; 25-31, periods of snow, then cold.

- Feb. 1-3, cold, flurries; 4-13, light snow, then milder; 14-17, rain to snow, then cold; 18-23, milder and 24-28, rain.

"November through March will be one to two degrees warmer than normal, mainly because of a warmer-than-normal January. December and February will both be colder than January with cold temperatures expected in early and mid-February," reports the *Old Farmer's Almanac*. "Precipitation overall will be close to normal, although twice the norm in January. The best chances for heavy snow are in mid-December and just after the new year."

Storm season may increase

New climatological research by a pair of University of Michigan engineers suggests that peaks in the El Nino cycle correspond with surges in storm strength, water levels and destruction on the shores of the Great Lakes.

Moreover, because of the intensity of the current El Nino, residents of the Great Lakes region should consider bracing for what could be one of the most destructive storm seasons on record.

Guy and Lorelle Meadows, researchers in the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, have found a correlation between El Nino years and elevated storm wave energies on the Great Lakes.

"It's ongoing research. We're still trying to figure out the total impact of this," said Lorelle Meadows.

"Wave conditions on the

Great Lakes, if we are right, may reach an all-time high in terms of their intensity," said Guy Meadows.

The couple derived the correlation by overlaying decades of Great Lakes storm data and water fluctuations and comparing the results with El Nino strengths and dates. The result is a well-tracked pair of curves that seem to fluctuate in lock-step with each other. Great Lakes storm damage occurs when wave energies are high and water levels are on the rise. These coupled events seem to follow major El Nino episodes.

In 1984 and 1985, storms caused some \$130 million damage to the Great Lakes region. That period immediately followed the strongest El Nino in the last 20 years, according to researchers.

WCCC opens registration

Students may enroll personally or by mail for community education classes at Wayne County Community College through Dec. 12.

The Western Campus, located at 9555 Haggerty, Belleville, offers a variety of classes including a "fast track" to a career as a competency evaluated nursing assistant and professional truck driver training.

Classes in computers for the novice, an introduction to Windows plus several classes in Microsoft and Word Perfect programs are offered at the Western Campus.

In addition, classes on floral design, video production, photo-

graphy, ballroom dancing, math enhancement, income tax, physical fitness, home repairs, cooking and stress management are being offered.

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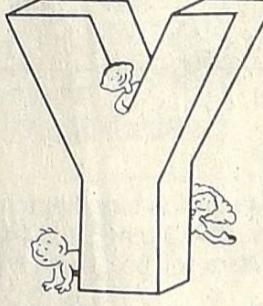
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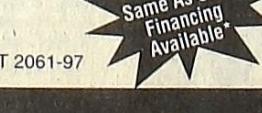
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VETS REMEMBERED Family members and friends of area veterans are being invited to a memorial service for U.S. veterans at 6 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Ypsilanti Township Board Room, 7200 Huron River Drive in Ypsilanti. The event is being sponsored by the Veteran's Honor Guard and the Janowiak Funeral Home, Geer Logan Chapel. Refreshments will be served following the service. For further information call 313-482-6000.

HOLIDAY CONCERT A classic holiday concert is slated for 6:45 p.m. Dec. 10 at the new St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church at 36375 Joy road in Westland. Those attending are urged to bring an unwrapped toy for the children of the Westland Salvation Army. The Franklin H.S. Choir will perform at 6:45 p.m. and the La Corda String Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6 in the first building at the Wayne Living Center for Seniors, 4425 Venoy Road, Wayne. A Sloppy Joe lunch will be offered for \$3 each. All funds raised will be used to support the seniors' Christmas.

HOLIDAY ART SHOW The Garden City Fine Arts Association will hold its annual Holiday Art Show from Dec. 8 through the 13. An opening reception will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Art Gallery in Sheridan Square, 30116 Ford Road. The public is invited to attend and meet the artists. Artwork will be on display and available for purchase.

HOLIDAY BALL The 22nd annual Holiday Ball sponsored by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital is slated for Dec. 6 at the Michigan League. Funds raised from the \$1,000 a couple affair will be used to support St. Joe's Campaign for Women's Health. More than 600 persons are expected and a limited number of tickets are still available by calling 313-712-3192.

CRAFT SHOW—The 8th annual craft show sponsored by

the St. Thomas a' Becket Women's Club will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6. The church is located at 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. Over 75 crafters will be in attendance. Lunches and baked goods will be available. The cost is \$1 or 50 cents for senior citizens. Those 12 and under will be entered free.

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS Live entertainment, special Christmas exhibits, a visit by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and decorations by area florists will be offered from 1 to 5 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7 at the Wyandotte Museum, 2610 Biddle Ave. Wyandotte. Admission is free and the Duffey Doll Collection will be on display along with 300 other antique and collectible dolls from around the world.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS will be offering dances for single parents from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Jan. 9 and 10 at the Clarion Inn at 31200 Wickham in Romulus. The cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. For further information call Joyce 313-383-2474 or Mac at 313-278-7857.

FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS OF AMERICA The non-profit group conducts meetings the third Thursday of each month from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park. An attorney will be on hand to answer questions. Issues to be raised include: divorce, custody, visitation denial, child support, kidnapping, false charges etc. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. Further information call 248-356-8303.

EXPECTANT FATHERS CLASS A class for expectant fathers will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 11 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The cost is \$15 and the meeting is being offered in the hospital's West Addition Conference Room B. The two hour class helps fathers understand feelings and changes associated with the birthing process and the new role of fatherhood.

SINGLE MINGLE DANCE sponsored by Dance Parties Inc. is slated for 8 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. each Wednesday and Sunday at the Bonnie Brook Country Club on Telegraph Road south of 8 Mile Road in Redford. Open to those 21 and up. Fashionable attire, not jeans, is requested. Cost is \$4. Hotline number is 313-842-0443.

FALL SWIM CLASSES The fall Wayne-Westland YMCA pool swimming classes will continue through Dec. 13.

Classes are offered for all ages and skill levels. Register by calling 721-7044. The YMCA is located at 827 S. Wayne Road in Westland.

CRAFT SHOW Over 125 craft persons from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio will be displaying their arts and crafts for sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Saline Middle School, 7265 Saline-Ann Arbor road in Saline. The admission charge is \$2. Parking is free.

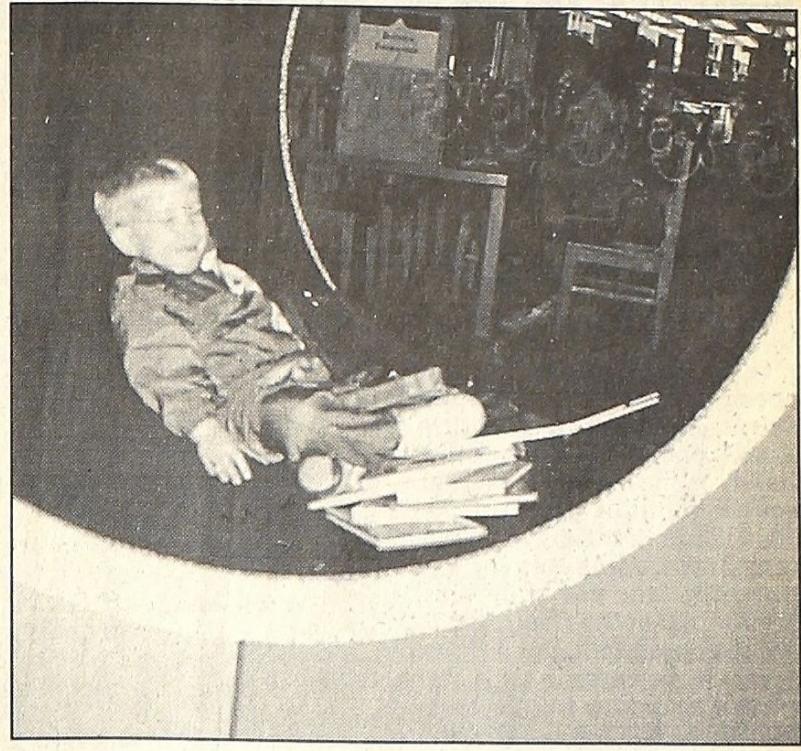
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BOY SCOUT TROOP 865 Young area residents (ages 11 to 18) are being sought for membership in Boy Scout Troop 865 of Westland. Meetings are conducted from 7:30 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday at Hamilton Elementary School.

Reader finds quiet spot

Anthony Pillitteri, 3-1/2, found a quiet spot to read at the Westland Library when he climbed into a round nook to look over his books. The window at the rear overlooks the main reading room. The William Faust Library has many special attractions from puzzles to computers for pre-school children who are among its most enthusiastic patrons. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner



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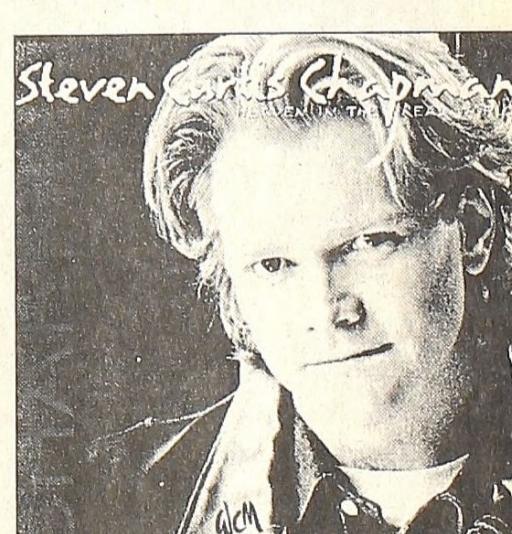
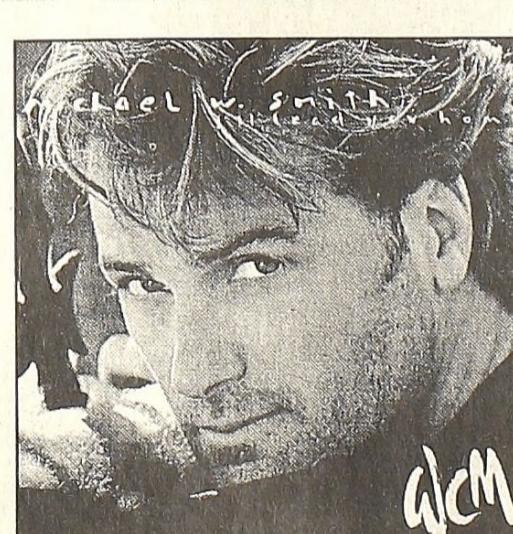
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Football has some strange twists

By DON RICHTER
MCN Special Writer

High school football can be so strange.

Redford Catholic Central and Ann Arbor Huron both made it to the Class AA state championship game. This has to be one of CC's least impressive teams, both in size and speed and yet they find themselves playing for a state title. Ann Arbor Huron, on the other hand, is not exactly a high school football powerhouse. This is the first time ever that they have competed in the playoffs and yet they find themselves in the finals. That's not supposed to happen.

Both teams, however, earned their way to the championship. CC defeated John Glenn, Troy and Sterling Heights Stevenson. Huron, on the other hand, defeated Belleville, Walled Lake Western and No. 1 ranked Rockford. This is very impressive!

Both teams should not have beaten their last opponents. Both losing opponents appeared to have overwhelming talent, at least on paper. But, once again, high school football shows that games are won on the football field and not on paper. Both teams have such heart, determination and grit that it should make for a very entertaining state final. Good luck to them both. They've



On the
sideline

By
Don Richter

However, in the end, CC would prevail in their matchup, bringing home another state championship for the Shamrocks.

As expected, both teams fought tooth and nail and the hard-hitting game wasn't decided until late in the fourth quarter as CC scored a late touchdown and, as time ran out, sacked the Huron quarterback in the end zone, making the final score, a bit misleading at 23-6.

Huron, even in defeat, should hold their heads high and be proud of their outstanding season.

earned it.

U-M has made it to the Rose Bowl. Great! Fantastic! Now, let's hope that they're ready to play against maybe the best college football quarterback (sorry, Peyton Manning) in the game today. Ryan Leaf (6-6, 240) is said to be the next Drew Bledsoe, and we all know how great he turned out to be. He has a rocket of an arm and he's accurate. The Wolverines have not played against a quarterback with his talent all year.

The Big Ten, as a whole, was very weak at the quarterback position this year and it will be an adjustment for the secondary to play against a quarterback so talented. There will be no Stanley Jacksons out there.

The Washington State defense is pretty good themselves. They're pretty large, as well. Along the defensive front, the Cougars have players who are 6-5, 310, 6-7, 305, and 6-6, 285. That's NFL-type size. The U-M offensive line will definitely have its work cut out for it.

The Cougars also run four and five receiver sets, which will put a lot of pressure on the U-M secondary. It should be a very exciting game. It will definitely not be a "two yard and a cloud of dust" type of game.

Finally, the Michigan State Spartans should be going to a bowl, as well. Though it's been a relatively disappointing year for the Spartans, after starting out so well, I still think that they're not far off from being one of the elite teams in the nation. I think that it's safe to say that the losses to Purdue and Northwestern were flukes and that the Spartans should have won both contests. However, until MSU learns to win the close games and execute in tight, game-winning situations, they will always be on the outside looking in when it comes to the top teams in the country.

Head Coach Nick Saban has an outstanding program there at State and they are close to being a consistent big time, top 10 program. If they can correct those late game miscues, look for the Spartans to soon be competing for a national championship themselves. Don't laugh, the talent is there. If the mental mistakes are limited, there's no telling how far or how high the Spartans may go in the future.

Snow reports provided

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Mr. E. G. ... The Herald, Everett, WA

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Miss C. T. ... Consumer News, Fort Dodge, IA

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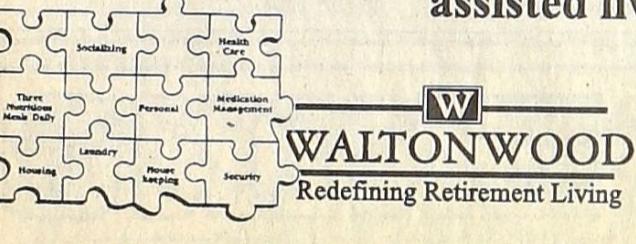
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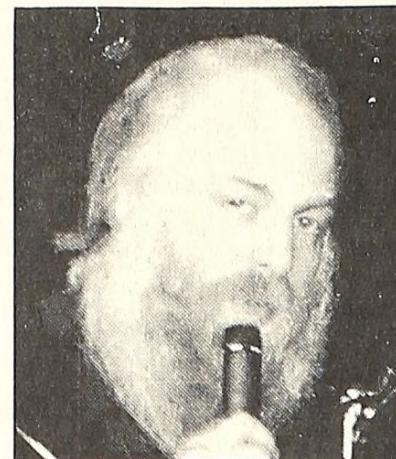
Holiday season brings top entertainment

By BEN E. JET
& BOB HARRIS

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More Christmas shows: How about WYCD, Young Country Show at the beautifully restored Detroit Opera House, starring Billy Ray Cyrus, Hal Ketchum, Lila McCann and the Dixie Chicks. Call 248-645-6666. Gibraltar Trade Center is now open every day through Christmas, seven football fields of dealers selling every-



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Bob Harris

thing imaginable. Generation X Files at the Second City Comedy Theatre, home of Risata Restaurant, next to the Fox. Les Miserables, the world's most popular musical, returns to Detroit now through Jan. 4 at the Fisher Theater. Call 871-1132; Christmas Arts & Crafts Show, Dec. 6 and 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, free admission and parking. Call 313-455-6620.

That dashing young man named Bob Harris is excited about Central Distributors of Romulus and their upcoming Budweiser Sports Night Con-

tests: Dec. 5 at Tremors in Livonia; Dec. 7, B. Boomer's in Allen Park; Dec. 8, Coyotes on Allen Road; Dec. 9, Beaver Creek in Westland; Dec. 11, Lakepointe Yacht Club in Plymouth; Dec. 18, with Planet Radio personalities at Hipshakers, and Dec. 18 at Mr. Sports in Redford.

Great to see the Clarion Hotel (728-2800) along with the Hilton Suites (728-9200), Farwell & Friends restaurant and bar, the Electric Stick billiards, bar and grill. Our friend Rick Alan's Music Store in Westland, the House-Ke-Teers,

Law Auto Sales and the Red Apple Restaurant motel (with jacuzzi rooms) home to Jeffrey's Wine Cellar (downstairs) all advertising on last week's Out on the Town Page.

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It was great to see the gang Thursday night at the Village Bar on Michigan Avenue, west of Wayne Road. Of course, my band, Benny and the Jets, has been playing there every Thursday. But last week, several Michigan Community Newspaper people and readers showed up. It's always great to be able to get together face to face. Bob Harris and Peter James (Eyewitness) were reminiscing about everything from Mr. Belvedere and Nancy Sinatra at the old Edgewater Amusement Park to John Sinclair, the MC5 and the current Rolling Stones concert tour. All of this talking and reminiscing, of course, leads to some long band breaks, which upset one couple who had read about the band in the paper. So I have to apologize to them. In general, we have a great time every Thursday, homemade dinner, special pitcher beer, special pool, darts, dancing, reminiscing and good times.



Play returns

Les Miserables, the epic play based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, will be staged at the Fisher Theater through Jan. 4. To charge tickets by phone, call 248-645-6666. For group sales, call 313-871-1132. MCN Special Photo

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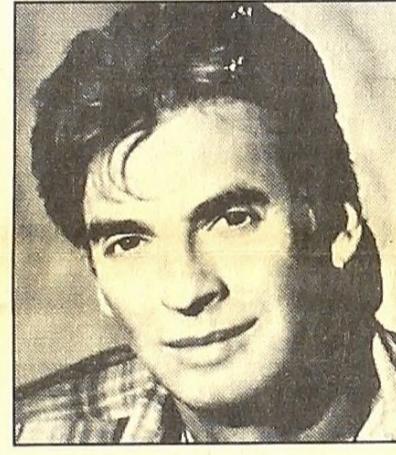
Loggins at Caesar: He's all right!

By LYNN MARIE
MCN Special Writer

Together with a wailing saxophone, sweet harmonies and an awesome collection of musicians that provide a tight, crisp groove Kenny Loggins seized Caesar during his debut performance in Las Vegas.

Evert Hart, a jazz and rock saxophonist, with his performing and recording history opened the show for Loggins. Hart's emphasize on repertoire of Marvin Gaye which he features on his most recent CD provides seg-way in Loggins' own show which he opened by singing Gayes' Mercy, Mercy.

Loggins continued to please the crowd with such hits as Meet Me Half Way and Welcome to Pooh Corner. Loggins commented on the intimate setting the Circus Maxim room had over his recent concert at Pine



Kenny Loggins

His command over the crowd was only enhanced by his fine musicianship, stage presence and a voice that has with stood the test of time.

Knob Music Theater. His performance at Caesar revealed his 27 year career in music as he touched the crowd with Andy's song (co-written with Jim Messina). He rocked them with Sweet Love and wooed them with intimate selections from his most recent

The crowds attention was further captioned by the show's variety. Selections from Hart's own recordings, his ri-

veting and energetic saxophone solos and the percussion work provided excellent twists to even Loggins' most familiar tunes like This is It and Celebrate Me Home.

Audience appreciation was expressed by their willingness to sing along with familiar hits and clap along to the less familiar ones. This appreciation climaxed in their demand for a triple encore. Loggins responded by rocking the crowd with his greatest hits, I'm All Right and Foot Loose. He returned a second time to play a selection from the Leap of Faith CD. The show was topped off with a splendid performance of his hit, Forever which retired his vocal ability.

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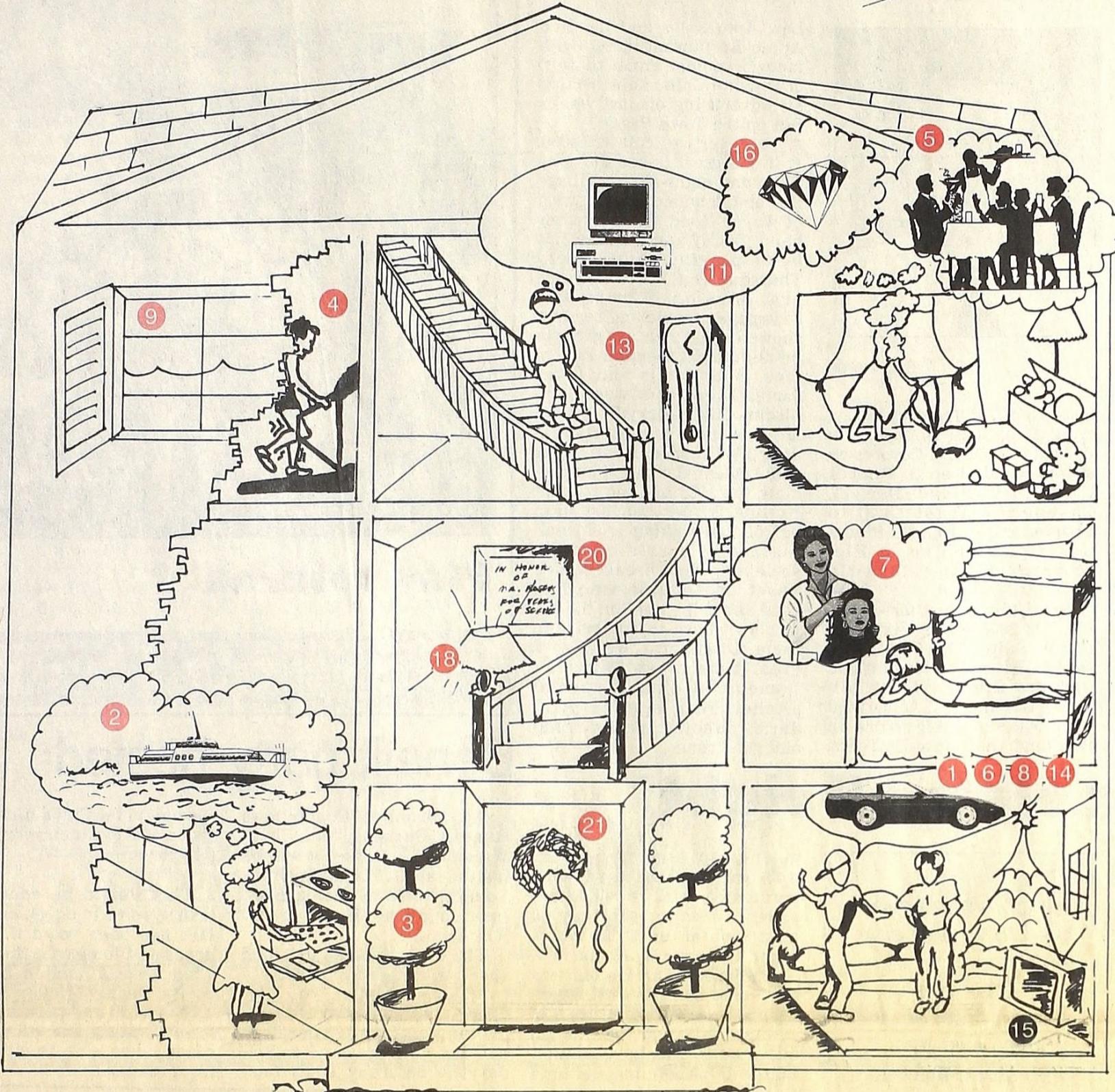
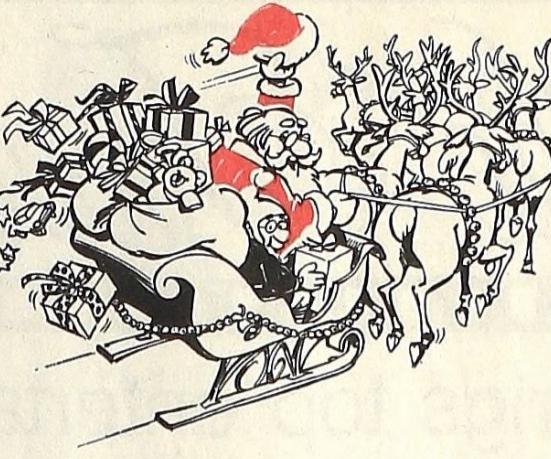
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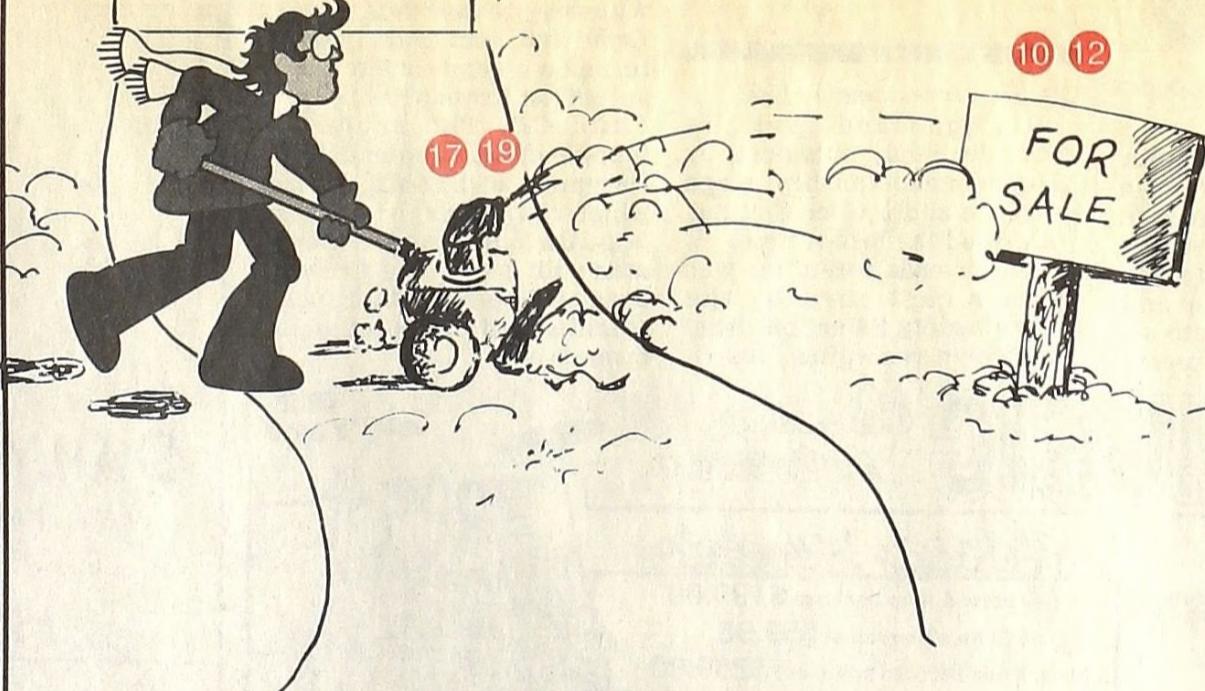
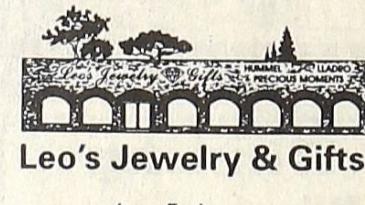
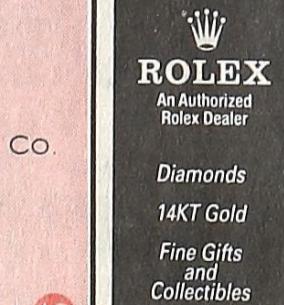
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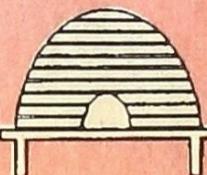
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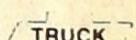
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Who'll be standing when Western Lakes shooting ends?

Plymouth-Salem may be top gun

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

They have 10 returning letter winners off of a team that posted a 18-6 record.

They also have seven full-time or part-time starters returning.

And they are stronger, faster and even deeper in most positions than they have been in recent years.

Is it no wonder that when Western Lakes Conference coaches are asked Who will be standing when the shooting is over in the conference? their reply is Plymouth-Salem.

That isn't a surprise to veteran Salem Coach Bob Brodie, who is embarking on his 14th season as Salem's head coach. He isn't making any apologies for having 10 returnees and some of the finest talent in recent years.

"I feel that I have a pretty darn good club," Brodie said. "I have seven starters back." And he didn't need to be re-

"The chemistry is the key. If it's there, it's hard to beat."

- Bob Brodie

minded that only five players play the game.

"At one time or other during the season, at least seven of these players started," Brodie qualified. Brodie also has been around the conference long enough to know that his preseason dialogue may be used by his opponents to stir up their teams.

Too many teams have crumbled under the pressure after being singled out as "the team to beat".

"The chemistry is the key," Brodie adds. "If it's there, it's hard to beat. Any team can win it, if the kids come together. And only time will tell us if we can."

Brodie's cadre of starters in-

cludes point-guard Andy Power, a 5-11 senior who was named to the all-Western Lakes Conference Team and the all-Michigan Community Newspapers' Area Team a year ago.

Senior forward Jeff McKian (6-3) and Bohvin Patel (6-3), also a 6-3 senior, have the experience to make immediate contributions to the team's success as do Matt Mair, a 5-11 senior guard and 6-2 senior Tony Bernhardt. Bernhardt, however, is recuperating from a football injury and it may take time for him to be 100 percent.

The Rocks probably have one of the best, if not the best, pair of junior prospects in the area in 6-8 Tony Jancivski, and 6-6 Mike Korduba, who will allow Salem to exploit the defense in ways they have not been able in recent years.

Brodie agrees that the pre-season title picks must include

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Bob Brodie

Watch out for Glenn's Rockets

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

After a season of pain, is Westland John Glenn ready to inflict some?

Has Glenn coach Mike Schuette restructured his Rockets to pay back those for the heartaches of a 10-10 season in 1997?

Off of what coaches are saying, this just may be the payback season that the Glenn coach and team have patiently waited for.

But then some fans thought Glenn would do it a year ago.

With some of the finest athletes in the area in the lineup last year, Glenn wound up with what some prognosticators believed was a dismal (for Glenn) .500 record. The Rockets were out of title contention early and left for dead in the middle of the pack most of the stretch.

But this year's Glenn lineup, on paper anyway, is quicker (thanks to Reggie Spearmon, Eric Jones, Mike Miller and Stevon Lawson); deeper inside, (thanks to a pair of excellent junior forwards like 6-4 Ty Haygood and Cornelius Murray) and may even found a productive center in Yaku Moton.

Moton is 6-7 and knows his way around and under the boards. Yes, he can soar above the rims, too.

Add to this already impressive list of the young and new breed of Glenn players a pair of title-hungry returning seniors - Harden James (6-1, forward) and Jason Crofton (6-2, forward), - and you get a picture that has convinced some Western Lakes Conference coaches that Glenn is capable of winning it all this year.

But Schuette is wary of making any such prediction. Past experience has taught him to stay away from the proverbial limb.

But the Glenn coach did stress that his team "was young", "eager" and "working hard."

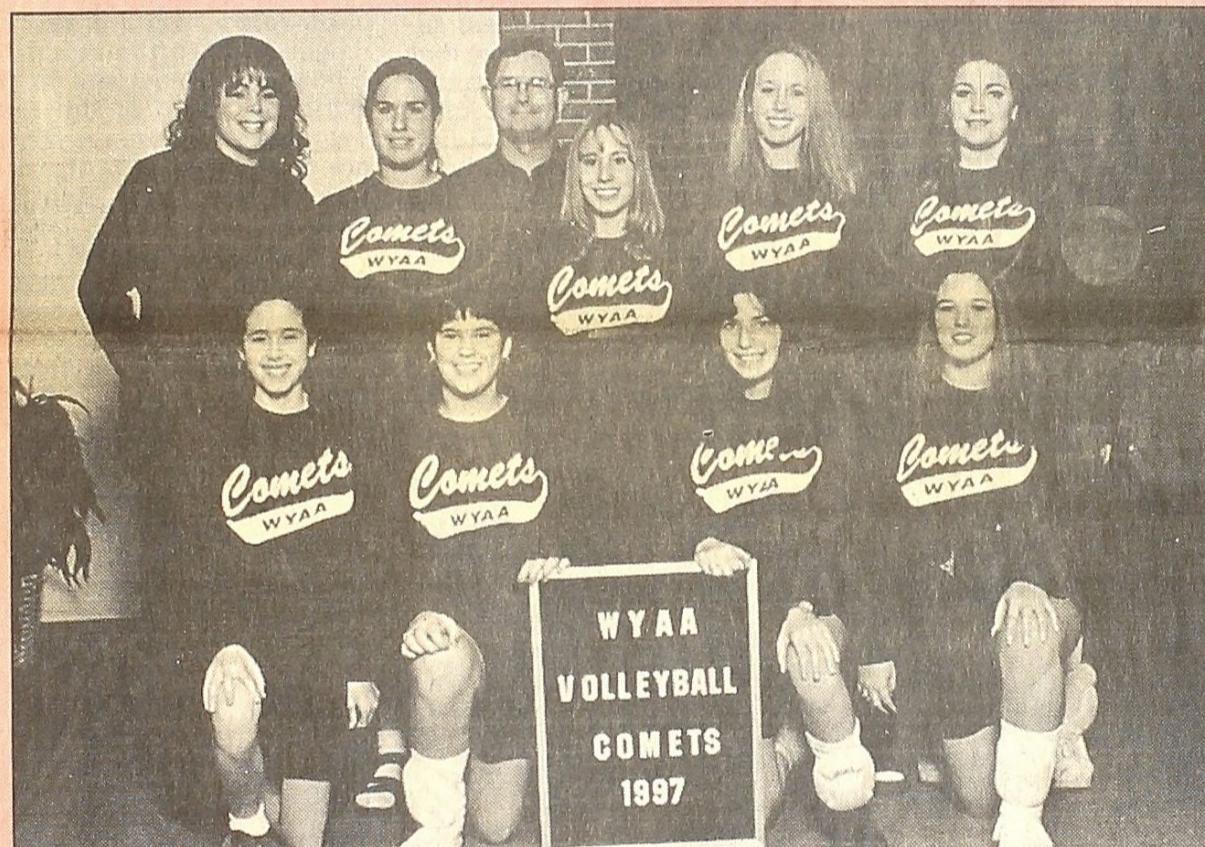
And that he also is looking for a marked improvement over last year's record.

The Glenn coach was quick to point out that a sudden Glenn turnaround will depend on a lot of factors, including "how fast his young players mature." That there are teams like Plymouth-Salem, Walled Lake Central and Farmington Hills Harrison who also have picked up the scent of the title hunt.

"There is going to be a dog fight for this title," Schuette rest assured. "And we have a chance to be in it. But a lot of things must come together."

Unfortunately, for Schuette and the Rockets, they will not have the services of last year's

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Volleyball champs

The Westland Youth Athletic Association crowned its league and tournament volleyball champs, and the honors went to Coach Jamie Barker's squad. The lineup includes Kari McLeod (front row, from left), Amanda Gilbo, Rene Durigon and Holly Gilbo; second row are coach Barker, Kristen Krohn, coach Frank Krohn, Amanda Bell, Jamie McLeod, and Sara Benko.

Bulldogs will not find any pussycats in White division

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Robichaud coach Monte Dennard and the Bulldogs won't find any pussycats in the newly-aligned Mega Conference, White Division this season.

The Red Division may be the almighty league, and the Blue may give the blues to any

coach, however, the White, if you're team isn't ready to play each game, better hoist the flag now.

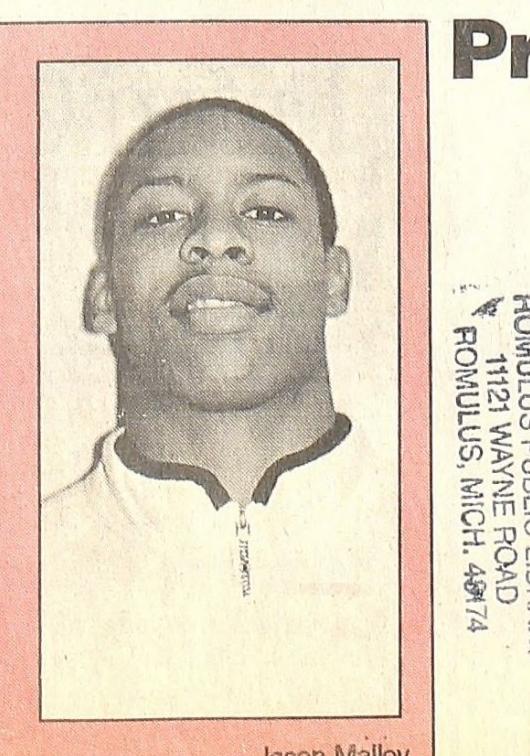
Take a glance at what's ahead for Robichaud in the White Division and pick, if you can, an easy 'W' for the newcomer. The new lineup includes Dearborn Fordson, Dearborn, Highland Park, Monroe, Woodhaven and, of

course, Robichaud.

"First, let me clear up something that appeared in your newspaper last week," says Dennard, who is in his ninth year as head coach, his third consecutive at his alma mater.

"We didn't opt to play in the White Division. The conference officials assigned us to

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Malloy is selected to All-State Team

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Multi-talented athlete Jason Malloy added another post-season honor to his long list of achievements.

Malloy, a senior who kept Dearborn Heights' Robichaud in the thick of the Mega Conference Gold Division title race and led the Bulldogs to a 7-2 overall record, was named to the elite All-State Class B team, the only local athlete to be honored on an All-State Team.

A 6-2, 220-pound athlete

who doubled as a fullback when he wasn't nailing ball-carriers on defense, was selected as a linebacker.

The 18-year-old Malloy also was a unanimous pick for the annual Michigan Community Newspapers' All-Area Team, a team selected by the MCN's sports staff, in cooperation with the local high school coaches.

"Jason is not only an outstanding athlete," says Robichaud coach Bob Yauck, "but an outstanding person as

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Can Inkster win? Rookie hoop coach believes they can

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

He may be the newest kid on the block, but Tennessee-raised Hilton Graham is no stranger to hoop warfare.

Graham, a 36-year-old former prep star, served as an assistant coach at Detroit Mumford where he was baptized in the tough Detroit Public School League.

He now has the challenging job of rebuilding Inkster's basketball program.

No, Graham is no masochist, he says. Others may think otherwise.

In accepting his first head-coaching position, the former point-guard says that he is more like an architect.

Graham will have to be in order to rebuild a Viking program that slipped to its lowest ebb a year ago when Viking fans (and administration) could have counted on one hand the number of games their team won.

Graham managed to see one, and only one, of those Inkster games, a 40-point loss to Detroit Redford.

In the wake of that experience, you'd think he would run as fast as he can to the nearest exit when the job was made available to him.

He didn't. He welcomed the challenge, he says.

"I felt sorry for the kids and the coach," said Graham, reflecting on the game. "There is talent there, but it is going to take time to be cultivated."

Reminded that in the first year in their new conference

"I felt sorry for the kids and the coach."

- Hilton Graham

the Vikings have opted to start at the top of the Mega Conference - the Red Division - instead of playing in the less precarious (and competitive), Gold Division, Graham says that the incentive to compete against the best reinvigorates him "because the challenge is greater."

"Lose against a team that you should have blown away, and everybody will jump on you. The criticism will be there. But beat a team that is ranked and people begin to take notice."

To reach that "other level", Graham is grooming sophomore speedster Alfonso Clark as the point guard. Clark stands 5-8, and has the quickness to destroy any kind of defense imaginable.

Obviously Clark has made a big impression on the rookie coach.

But there are also others who can make immediate contributions.

In that category are 6-6 senior Tom Cunningham, who is a year older and wiser and will give the Vikings the inside game, something they definitely lacked a year ago. Two other veterans of last year's horrendous season are Joe Allison, a 6-1, 195-pound senior,

See ROOKIE, page C-2

Prep calendar

Basketball

Tuesday, Dec. 9
Ann Arbor Pioneer at Romulus High School
Ypsilanti Lincoln at Robichaud High School
Westland John Glenn at Ann Arbor Huron
Plymouth-Canton at Wayne Memorial

Friday, Dec. 12

Windsor CC at Belleville High School
Westland John Glenn at Wayne Memorial

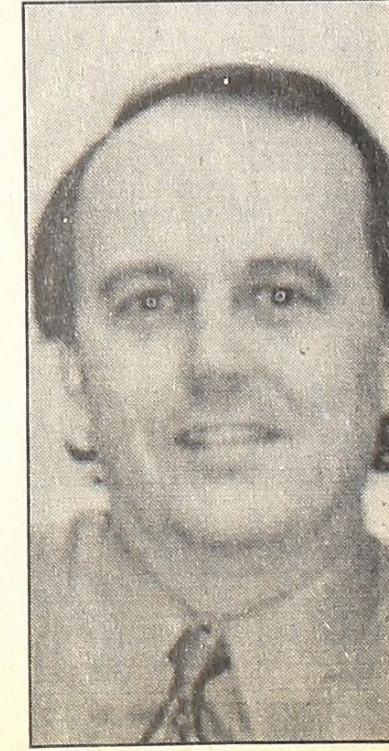
Wrestling

Thursday, Dec. 4

Belleville to host quadrangular meet
John Glenn hosts to Wayne/Mayville

Saturday, Dec. 6

Romulus at Allen Park Invitational
Belleville Junior Varsity Invitational
Belleville Varsity at Ypsilanti Invitational
John Glenn at Ypsilanti Invitational
Wayne Memorial at Trenton



Mike Schuette



Stars shine in volleyball

With a lineup that included Felina Swasey (front row, from left) and Heather Bishop, along with Amanda Conley (back row, from left), Kialra McMillian, Shakena Simmons, coach Rhona McMillian, Sirvan Simmons and Alicia Hill, the Stars captured the Westland Youth Athletic Association Junior League Volleyball title. Not available at the time of the photo is team member Ashley Threadingham.

Rockets

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starting center, 6-7 Justin Berent, whose name you'll not find anywhere in the pre-season Glenn lineup.

Berent suffered a season-ending knee injury in football which required surgery a couple of weeks ago. He will not be available to play basketball.

Despite the loss of Berent's services, there is some unexpected help on its way. But it will arrive after the New Year when Schuette may add an important player to his lineup.

Bill Foder, a 5-10 junior,

may join the team in the second semester, and Foder knows how to make basketball rims and nets swallow three-pointers.

That means that Foder's presence will provide the Rockets with a secured perimeter shooter, another potent weapon in their arsenal and in the Rockets' battle for the title.

Though Glenn is being mentioned prominently as the possible heir apparent to the throne presently occupied by Walled Lake Central, the

Rockets have an outside chance of winning the championship. Coaches believe that when the shooting is over, Plymouth-Salem will be standing on the top of the pile. Read related story on this page)

Glenn opens the season Tuesday on the road at Ann Arbor Huron. The Rockets may have a jump start on the River Rats, who played for the Class AA state football championship last week and lost to Detroit Catholic Central. Some of the football players also are members of the River Rats' hoop team. Obviously those involved in the football program have had little time preparing for the upcoming basketball season.

Then, on Friday, Dec. 12, the Rockets will get a shot at a rebuilt Wayne Memorial team that lost all five of its starters to graduation.

If this is the year of the great Glenn payback, Wayne would be an excellent place to start.

White

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this division. And this a very tough division, and as good as any around."

Accustomed to success - the Bulldogs amassed an 18-5 record as an independent a year ago, Dennard could face relative anonymity if his players don't come prepared to play every game, he says.

And that's the key to this season, according to the veteran coach who stresses that the team must "play hard and compete."

"If we can do that, we will give any team a battle. In fact, we could have a shot o' the ti-

tle. But, again, it isn't going to be easy. We have a tough, uphill climb all the way."

But the climb should be lighter than anticipated thanks to the return of three year letter winner Jason Malloy. Malloy, recently picked as an All-State linebacker Read related story in today's Sports Section is a 6-2, 220-pound forward whose muscle will help the Canines control the boards. Teaming up with Malloy at the other forward spot is another outstanding athlete, Roderick Means who is 6-3 and a senior.

Because of the long football season, Malloy and Means, may not be able to contribute immediately. They'll have to work out their football mus-

cles before they get there hoop moves in motion.

Dennard has the backcourt in the hands of his field general, a 6-1 senior, Damon Williams, a point guard with a good three-point shooting eye. The backcourt also will have another football standout in Devaron Gray, one of the top running backs the area has produced this year. Junior James Hudgens who's 5-11 is an excellent candidate for one of the guard slots.

Other notable returnees are Shannon Jackson, a 6-3 forward and Peter Brooks, also 6-3 and also looking at a starting forward position.

An infusion of last year's junior varsity talent will boost Robichaud's stock.

Salem

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the defending champ, Walled Lake Central, Westland John

Glenn, and Farmington Hills Harrison.

If the Rocks happen to read and believe instead of playing to prove they are the best in the conference, then Brodie sees Farmington Harrison as next in line to the throne.

Either way, Salem launches its season Tuesday at Monroe, a school that has always put a competitive team on the floor.

"We don't know much about them this year, but they have always had excellent teams in the past," Brodie added.

All-State

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well. He is the kind of person you would like to have as a son."

Malloy's credentials on defense include five sacks of the quarterback; 65 solo and 45 assisted tackles. He also had one interception and a fumble recovery.

Jason started for the Bulldogs as a freshman. He has

not announced where he will be attending college next fall.

Rookie

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and Mike Williams, a 5-9 guard. They are working religiously to prove Vikings can be winners and can make the turnaround in a tough division.

Incidentally, Allison and Williams will serve as the team's co-captains this year.

If Inkster is to rise from the depths, other returnees such as Lamar May (6-4, senior) and Mario Logwood (6-4 senior)

must make the appropriate transition.

"We are back to the basics with this team," notes Graham. "That's what we will stress until we get it right. I know that this team, any team, is capable of winning, if they put their hearts to it."

"And that's why I am here. Build confidence then move on to the next level."

Graham's local coaching debut will come against none other than Inkster's natural rival, Robichaud.

But, unlike previous hoop encounters between these two

former hoop giants, this will not be a league game - it is a conference crossover battle.

Also in its initial year in the conference, and unlike its neighbor down the road, Robichaud will compete in the White Division of the four-tier Mega Conference. (There are four divisions in the conference: Red, White, Blue and Gold).

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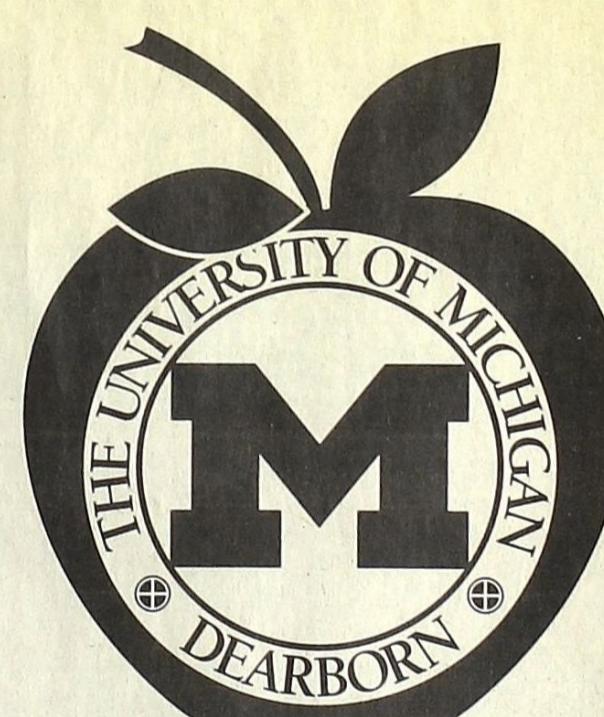
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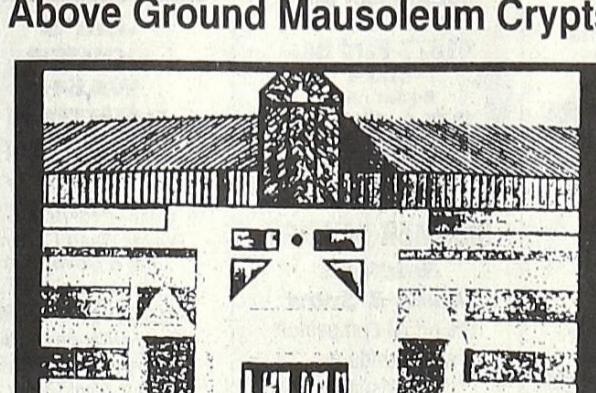
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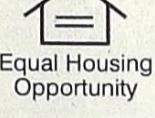
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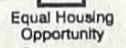
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Many More to Choose From-New Arrivals Weekly!**Shop Us and Save Thousands!****1996 Pontiac Grand Prix**sale price \$18,930
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1996 Geo Metrosale price \$11,756
\$7,699 or \$140* per mo.

4 dr., auto., P.S., P.B., air, AM/FM radio, tinted glass, GM Program Car. Balance of Factory Warranty. P462

1996 Pontiac Bonneville SSE



Air Force Capt. Janette L. DeVenny (top photo) cares for a patient in the field during the combined training exercise Bright Star in western Egypt. Air Force and Army medics (bottom photo) race through a casualty exercise during the training exercise. MCN Special Photo

Guild sponsors poetry celebration

Performances by two Inkster *Ledger-Star* special writers will be featured at the 7 p.m. Dec. 13 Memorial Poetry Celebration honoring the Black Writers Guild deceased founder Peggy A. Moore.

Karen Williams, who has written articles for the Good News edition of the *Ledger Star*, and Robert Haynes, a special writer and advertising representative of the *Ledger Star* will read their works. Both were contributors to the short story anthology, *Day's Dawn*.

The event will be held at one of the city's newest coffee houses, Coffee and Cream,

19346 Livernois, Detroit.

The memorial, which is a "brainchild" of current Guild Executive Director Herbert Metoyer, will also feature performances by Detroit area poets, Hilda Vest, Willie Williams, Murray Jackson, Ron Allen, Millard Porter and Vivee Francis. Jazz flutist Eric Talley will provide music.

"The Guild is pleased to celebrate Peggy's devotion to the Arts and the Detroit literary scene through verse and song," said Metoyer. "She founded the Guild 14 years ago to ensure the minority writer would have training needed to help them produce quality and marketable work, work the Guild proudly shares with the community. Many of our authors – several Peggy's personal finds – are now active and respected participants in Detroit's literary community whom through product, volunteerism and guild membership continue Peggy's dream."

Tickets for the memorial are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door or in advance from Guild members.

For additional information on the Dec. 13 event, contact Herbert Metoyer at 248-552-0582.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, DECEMBER 10, 1997 at 7:30 p.m., (or as scheduled on the agenda) for the following Special Approval request:

CONSIDER THE SPECIAL APPROVAL REQUEST BY TECH EXPRESS CORP. TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A TRUCK STOP ON PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, PARCEL NUMBERS V-125-83-003-99-0020-000, V-125-83-003-99-0021-000, V-125-83-003-99-0022-000, AND V-125-83-003-99-0024-001, A TOTAL OF 7.15 ACRES.

The meeting will be held in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Belleville, MI 48111. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Cindy C. King CMC, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

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Bright Star shines over Nile

"Here at 'Bright Star' I'm the nurse manager of the medical surgical unit."

- Capt. Janette L. Devenny

According to the travel brochures, a visit to this ancient country is both adventurous and alluring. In addition to the famous pyramids and the Sphinx, the guidebooks show full-color examples of scuba diving in the Red Sea, watching crocodiles and exotic birds during a romantic cruise along the banks of the Nile and riding camels from Oasis to Oasis under shaded palm trees just minutes from luxury hotel and three-star restaurants. It's been dubbed the playground of the kings.

But the daughter of a Canton woman paints a somewhat different picture of life in this exotic land.

Air Force Capt. Janette L. DeVenny, daughter of Dorothy F. DeVenny of Craftsbury Court, along with over 7,000 U.S. service members, converged on the land of the pharaohs for one of the largest training exercises in this part of the world.

Dubbed "Bright Star," the military exercise, which joined forces from the U.S., Egypt, the United Kingdom, Italy, France, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates, played out in Egypt's Sahara desert in the western part of the country. The training stressed such things as desert survival, combined maneuvers with the various countries, helicopter assaults, amphibious assaults, reconnaissance and ground combat operations.

During the exercise, DeVenny was a surgical ward charge nurse. "Here at 'Bright Star' I'm the nurse manager of

the medical-surgical unit. "I'm responsible for coordinating patient care and providing support to patients that require aero medical evacuation. I also provide support for the mass casualty exercises we have here," explained DeVenny, a 1982 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Madonna University, Livonia, in 1986.

Far from the five-star hotels and casinos of Cairo, DeVenny and her unit have been seeing Egypt through somewhat different eyes.

"Living in the tent city sure makes you appreciate the comforts of home. I sleep on a narrow cot and share a tent with seven other females. The first three days I spent taking cold showers, but now we have hot water. We just have portable latrines for two weeks while the real ones were being built. I keep all of my clothes in Ziploc bags to try and keep the dirt and sand out. At each meal my favorite game is 'guess that meat'. I have decided that I dislike Spain immensely."

One advantage DeVenny has working in a foreign country, side by side with soldiers from Europe, Egypt and the Middle East, is the cultural interaction not found from training back home.

"I have been confined to

base and haven't left the area, so I haven't experienced much of the country. Egypt is much more arid than I expected. I have lived in the Mojave/Sonora desert, and this is much more barren. The Egyptians I have encountered have been very friendly and eager to please. The desert sky is immense, and the moon and stars are brilliant. It makes me wonder at the magnificence of it all."

When not jaunting half way around the world to train with other forces, DeVenny is the OB/GYN nurse manager with the 6th Medical Group at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla.

"Back at my home station I supervise 14 nurses and 17 medical technicians. I also teach the advanced Cardiac Life Support and Neonatal Resuscitation Program. When I'm off-duty I love to fly kites on the beach, swim in the waves at Cocoa Beach and work in my yard. I've also found I enjoy talking on the Internet."

DeVenny may not get to see the pyramids or lazily float down the Nile, but will take back images and experiences of a short stay in Egypt few people will ever match.

Editor's note: This feature was written by Rich Lamance of the Army & Air Force Hometown News Service.

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Sportiness, affordability packaged in new generation of Saturns

By KAREN STRONSKI
MCN Automotive Writer

It does not matter what kind of Saturn you drive, they are all worth the price! The 1998 model year marks the introduction of the third generation Saturn coupe. A package of fun, sportiness and affordability, wrapped in a head turning bright new skin.

Let me first start out by saying that I received my Saturn on the first major snow fall of the season. The SL2 model that I had, handled like a true champ. The traction control really performed.

There's no doubt about it, if you have to drive in inclement weather the Saturn is a safe bet. It didn't matter if I were making a turn or just driving in a straight line, this car was a trooper in the snow. I didn't slide once. However, I can't say that for all of the other people I spotted in the ditches or on the side of the road as I made my trek home.

The Saturn SL2 sedan's exterior appearance is a world class blend of Asian and Euro-

Karen Stronski



pean flavor melded together by Saturn's U.S. based design team. All of the vertical panels (front and rear fenders, doors, trunk and facias) continue to be produced from ding and dent resistant polymer material. The horizontal hood, roof, and upper deck lid are steel. Making it a fairly safe vehicle.

SL models also come in two new eye-catching colors, light green and copper to go along with the long list of colors you can now choose from. Attention to detail proves that form can follow function. One example is the roof applique starting at the base of the windshield, extending over the doors and down the rear window. This smooth clean look features a slight inward lip that directs water away from open windows and doors. This way, if it is raining and you want your window cracked open you never get wet.

The injection molded rocker covers with their rounded shape, are contemporary and functional, providing excellent cover from road debris. The interior of this sedan offers a high level of comfort and convenience rarely found in a small affordable car. The front and rear of the cabin offer plenty of leg and head room. Not to mention the trunk which has a large deep well to hold all of those special Christmas packages and a tree! The door trim has a fresh smooth appearance with cloth inserts and integral arm rests which come in a handful of colors.

My test car came nicely appointed with everything one would need for a comfortable, safe, and fun ride. The stereo wasn't to shabby either. The price was outstanding, \$13,000 base and \$17,000 as tested. And if you are wondering about the gas mileage, that too was great 26 miles per gallon in the city and 32 on the highway.

This automobile was all about precise handling, smooth ride, safe, comfortable, and sporty with a price that won't break the bank!



1998 Saturn

Goal is 1 million Girl Scouts plan cookie sale

Huron Valley Girl Scouts are aiming high for a new goal: selling one million boxes of Girl Scout Cookies in the 1998 sale, which begins Dec. 20.

Troop proceeds from the sale help Girl Scout troops fund community service projects, field trips, career exploration and travel. Council proceeds provide low-cost camping at the council's three camps, travel opportunities and Girl Scouting for low-income girls.

With the slogan "Just Imagine: You're One in a Million," Huron Valley Girl Scouts are hoping to sell an average of two cases of cookies more per troop. Huron Valley Girl Scout Council has approximately

1100 troops in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe Counties and parts of Wayne and Oakland Counties. Last year, Huron Valley Girl Scouts sold 975,480 boxes of cookies.

Cookie order-taking will continue through Jan. 18. Cookie deliveries begin Feb. 23. Huron Valley Girl Scouts will also sell cookies from cookie booths Feb. 21 through March 8.

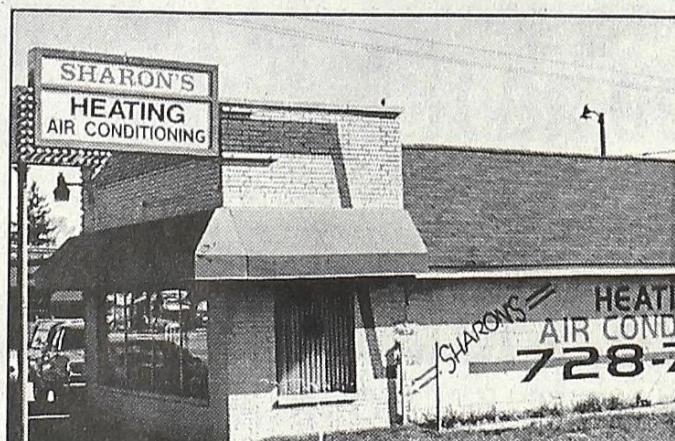
Girl Scout Cookies are second only to Nabisco during the first quarter of the year. All eight popular varieties are back: Thin Mints, Caramel De-Lites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Shortbread, Five World Cinnamon, and low-fat Lemon Pastry

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The price of a box of cookies remains at \$3 for the third year. Less than one third of the price goes to pay for the cookies themselves. The remainder of the money stays in Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. Unlike many other youth money-earning projects, a portion of the cookie revenue stays with the troops, so that the girls themselves decide how it is spent. The volunteer Huron Valley Girl Scout Council Board of Directors budgets the remaining proceeds for services to 14,000 girl members and 4,000 adult volunteers.

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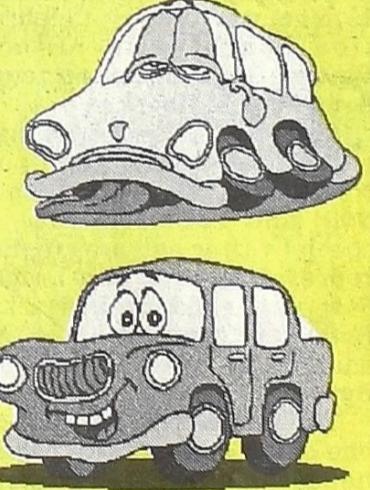
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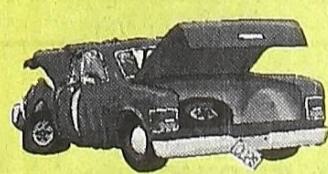
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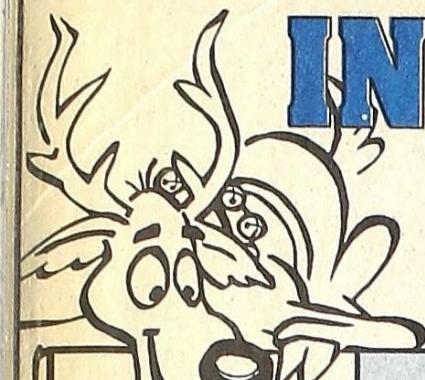
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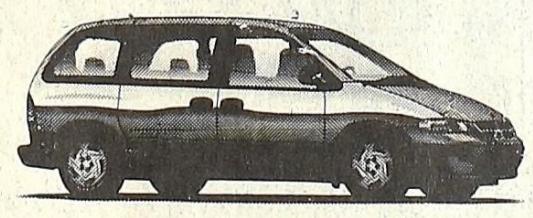
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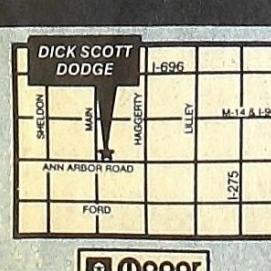
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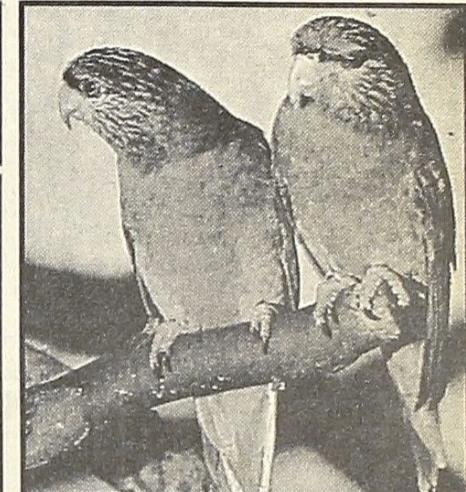
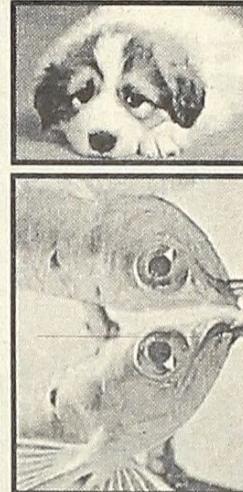
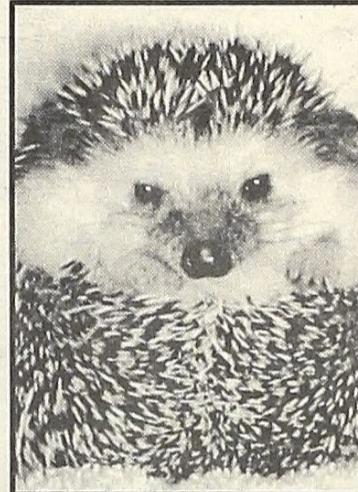
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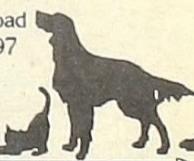
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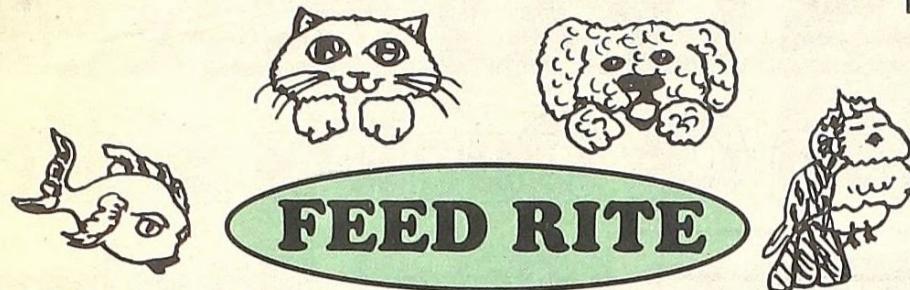
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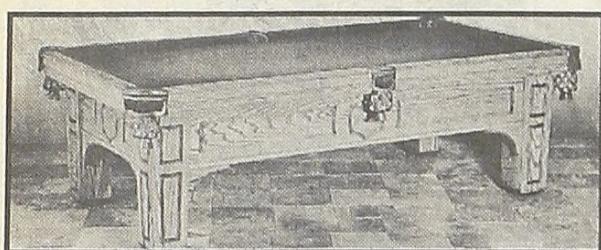


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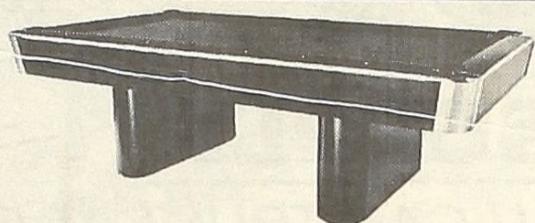


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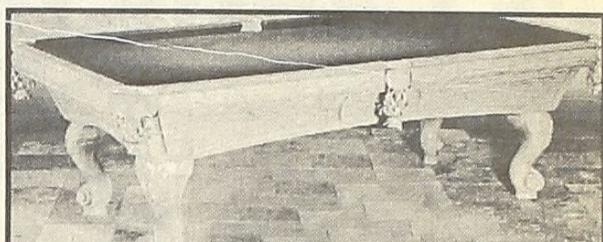
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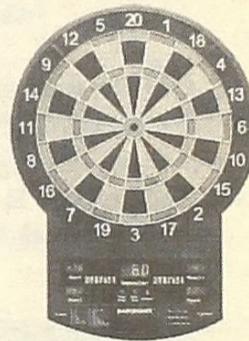
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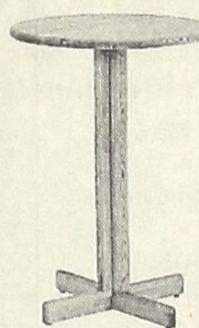
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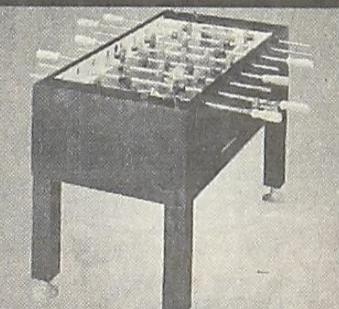
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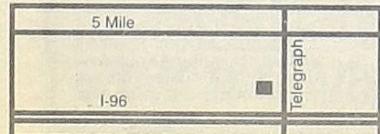
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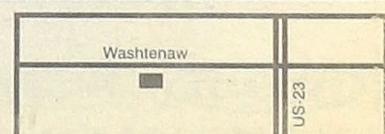


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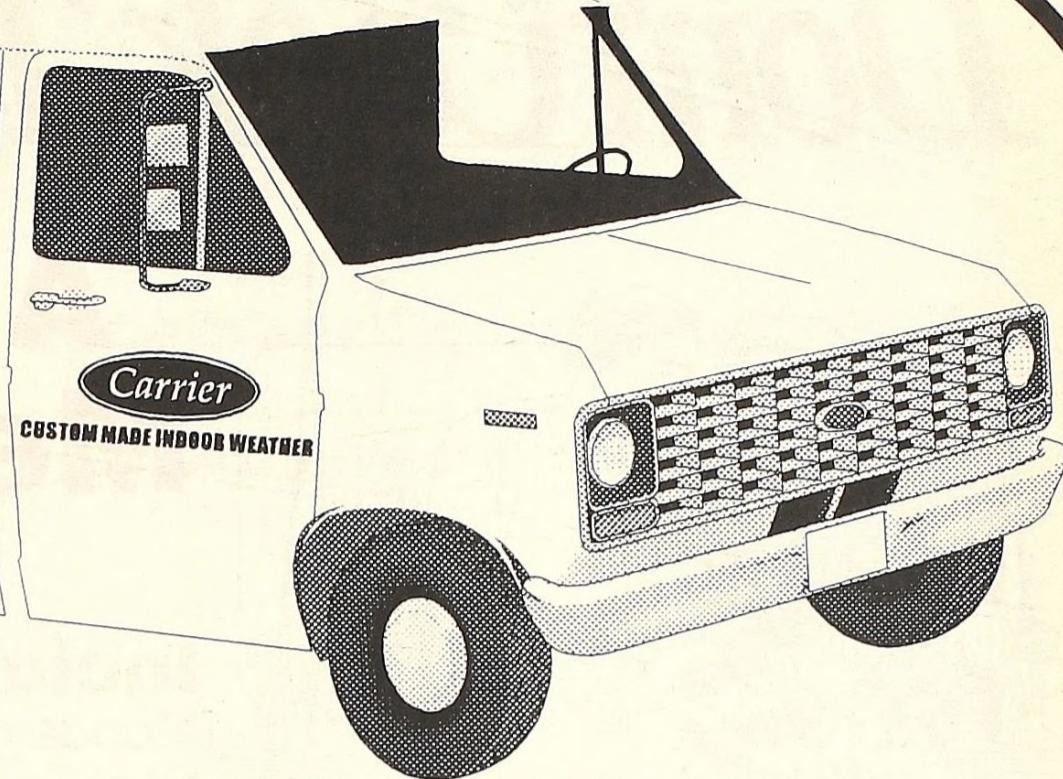
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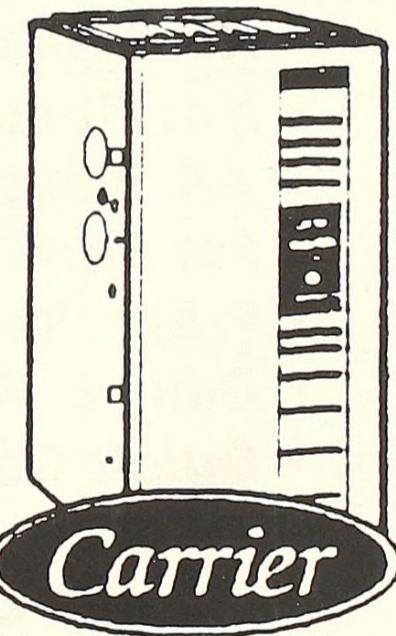
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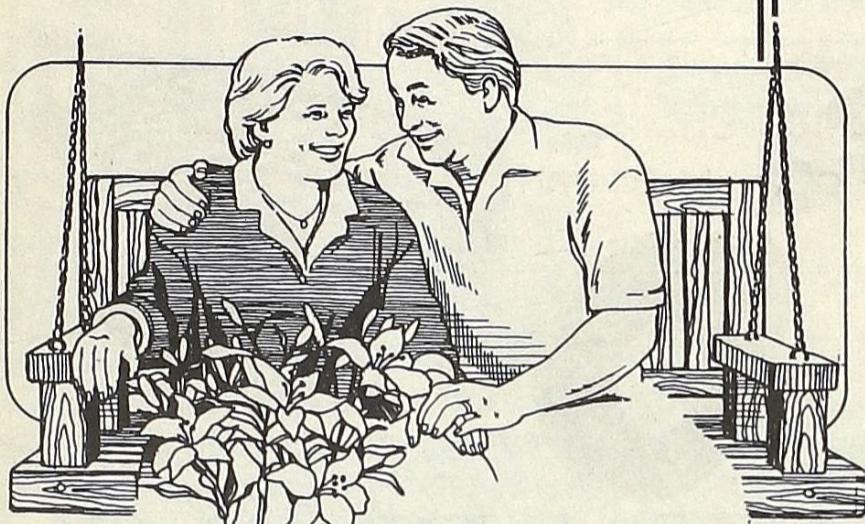
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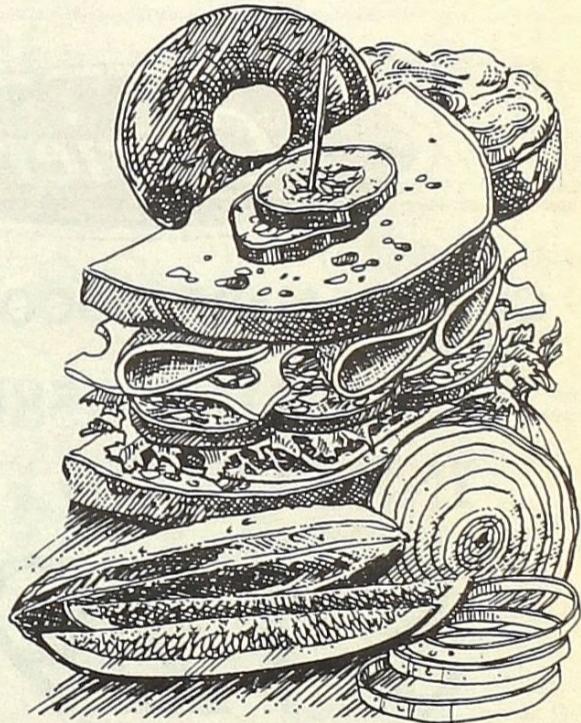


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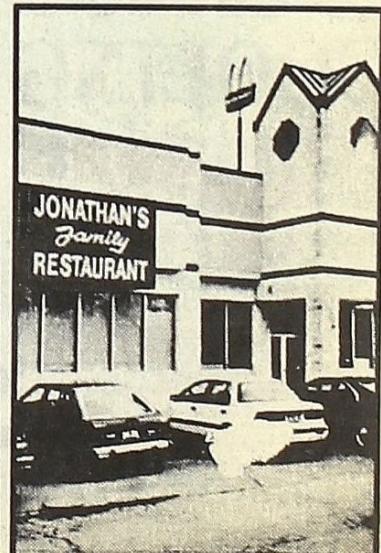
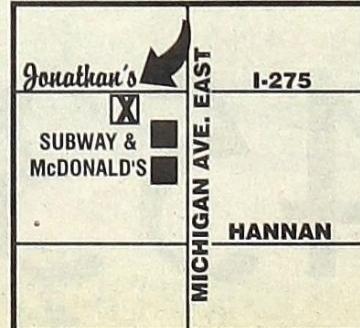
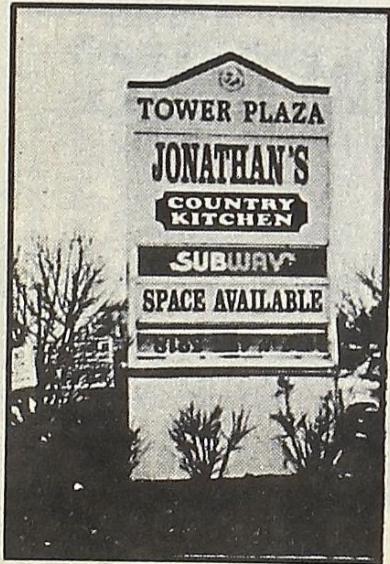
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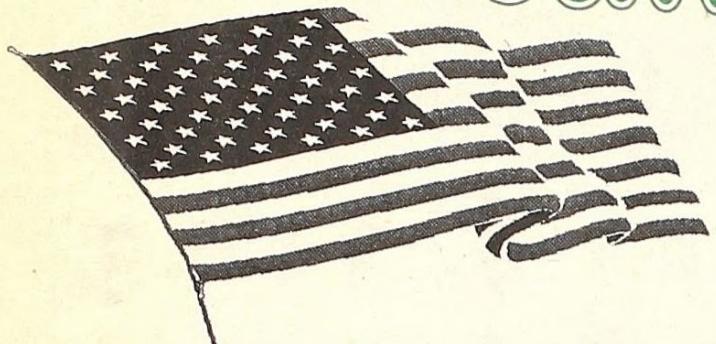
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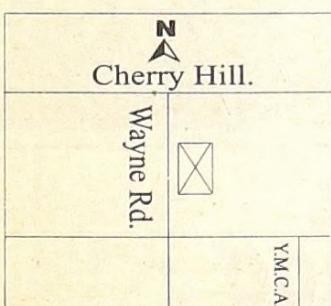
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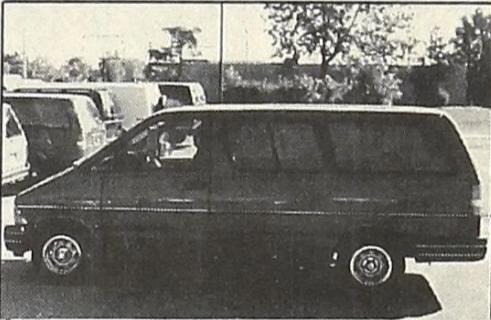
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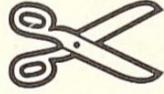
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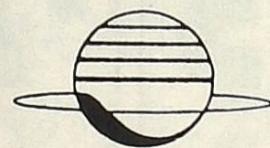


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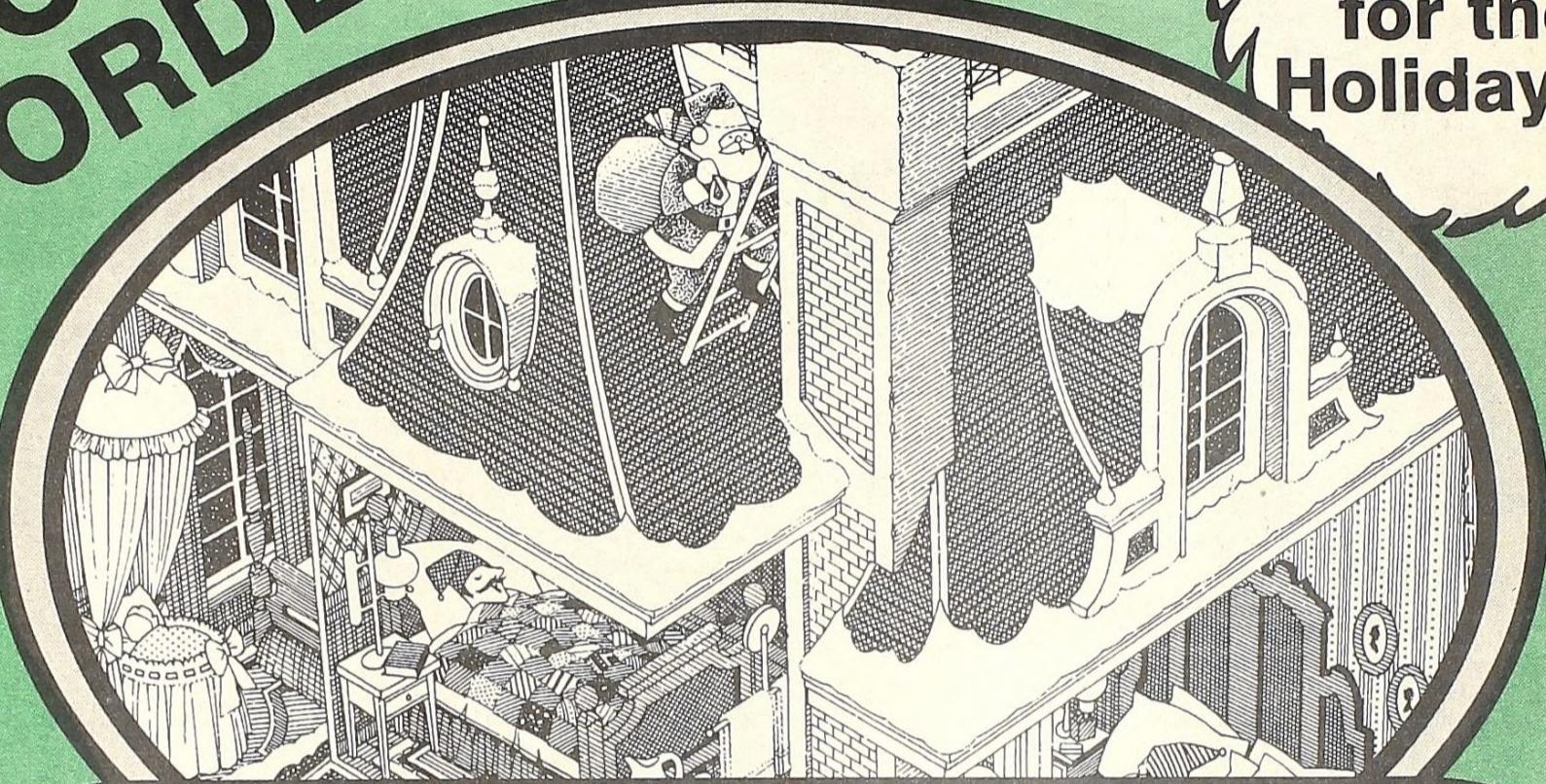
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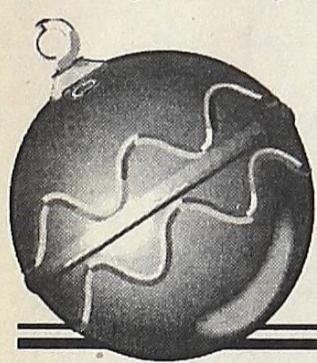
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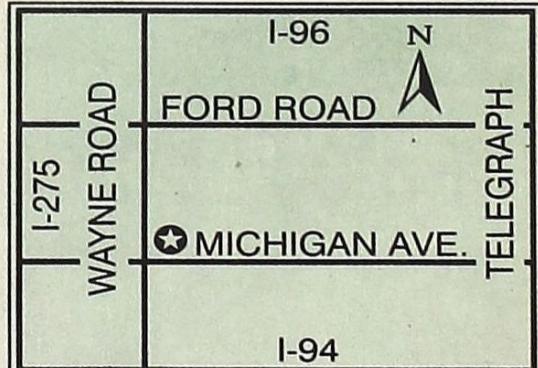
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